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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1947

Selectmen, Board of Welfare and Board of Health

JOHN BOLGER, Chairman Board of Selectmen
P. O. Dighton, Mass.—Telephone Dighton 3451

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD

Chairman Board of Health and Public Welfare
P. O. Segreganset, Mass.—Telephone Dighton 3442

GEORGE V. TINKHAM, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Taunton 1586-M

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Agent of Board of Health

DWIGHT F. LANE, P. O. Segreganset, Mass.
Telephone Dighton 2931

Auditor

WILLIAM F. HATHAWAY, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Taunton 2265-M

Tax Collector

PERCY SIMMONS, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Taunton 2578-M

Assessors

WALTER HAMPTON, Chairman
P. O. Segreganset, Mass.—Telephone Dighton 3241

RAYMOND A. HORTON, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Dighton 2158

ARTHUR F. SPRAGUE, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Dighton 2321

Superintendent of Streets

HENRY P. GOFF, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Taunton 1484-W2

Sealer of Weights and Measures

DONALD B. HATHAWAY, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Dighton 3791

Finance Committee

JOSEPH K. MILLIKEN, Chairman
THOS. P. BARRY, Clerk DR. ARNOLD E. WORDELL
NORMAN S. BOWEN DR. CHARLES M. SOUZA
CHARLES N. GOFF CAESAR ARAUJO

School Committee

G. RUSSELL HORTON, Chairman,
P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
JESSIE P. CHRISTENSON, Secretary,
P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
LELAND BULLARD, P. O. Segreganset, Mass.
GENE PERRY, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
CHARLES SWARTZ, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
HAROLD O. WOODWARD, P. O. Segreganset, Mass.

Superintendent of Schools

JOHN J. ROLFE, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
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Town Nurse

MRS. ESTHER BOWDEN, R. N., P. O. Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Dighton 2141

Moth Superintendent

GEORGE W. ROSE, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Dighton 2551

Tree Warden

HENRY P. GOFF, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Taunton 1484-W2

Forest Fire Warden

JOHN W. SYNAN, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Taunton 180 or Taunton 2812

Chiefs of Fire Department

(Dighton)

WENDELL B. CAREY, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
Telephone Dighton 3421
(North Dighton)

JOHN W. SYNAN, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
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Chief of Police

JOHN W. SYNAN, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

To the Voters and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

In compiling the 1947 Town reports and their publication, we are motivated with the desire of keeping the reports brief and condensed. In soliciting bids from printing establishments we discovered a most abnormal rate of printing cost. It was determined that a normal report would cost over twice the amount ever expended in any previous year. Therefore, we requested Town Officers and department heads to submit for publication only such material which is required by statute. We trust that taxpayers and citizens will appreciate this policy in the interest of economy.

When submitting the various departmental budgets for 1947 to the Town's Finance Committee for their consideration we explained that each requested appropriation had been reduced to an absolute minimum and we were uncertain as to their sufficiency in view of the trend of ever increasing cost. However, with few exceptions, these initial appropriations proved to be adequate and all expenditures were met although several transfers were authorized from the appropriated Reserve Account.

On two occasions the State Standard Budget as applied to the Old Age Assistance program was increased thus necessitating supplementary funds to administer the department. The amount of \$165.06 was required and was duly transferred after approval by the Finance Committee.

An unusually large number of Soldiers' Relief cases assessed the account early in the year and it was neces-

sary to request a transfer for additional funds in the amount of \$400.00.

The Fire Department account was overdrawn to the extent of \$548.49 due primarily to payrolls for wages and services. A most abnormal dry season witnessed numerous brush and woods fires which accounted for payrolls in excess of the estimate.

Two late snow storms in early 1947 created large snow plowing charges against the Street Department account. \$500.00 was transferred from the Reserve Account to supplement the General Fund whereby the planned program for highway work could be completed.

The General Government account was credited with a transfer from the Reserve Account of \$1,400.00. This was due to an increase of additional fire insurance protection. Insurance underwriters and engineers surveyed our schools, library and public property and determined that due to greatly increased building replacement cost, we were under insured. Therefore, a joint meeting of Selectmen and Finance Committee resulted in the unanimous decision to increase the insurance coverage by \$118,200.00. This revision of our insurance program is complete and will function on a three year, level premium basis as previously adopted by the Town in 1941.

Within the year Williams Street has been extended 2500 feet with a hard top surface at a contract cost of \$19,200.00. Of this amount the Town paid \$4,800.00, the County \$4,800.00 and the State \$9,600.00. This makes a total of \$33,200.00 which has been expended by all parties on this extension in the past two years and it is not half way completed. The original estimated cost of completing this road to the improved road at Sharps Lot Road at the Swansea line by State Engineers in 1944 was

\$44,000.00. However, the increased cost of everything which enters into road construction plus new specifications for 24 foot roads rather than the previous 20 standard under Chapter 90, has increased the cost of this type of construction. At the present time the cost of construction and the associated drainage and grading is about \$7.50 per running foot.

It is because of this high cost, and with the hope that prices will drop in the future, we have not applied for Chapter 90 funds for this road in 1948 but trust that we may continue the project in 1949.

The bridge on Brook Street over the Segreganset River has been widened and improved by Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Henry P. Goff to comply with Public Works specifications and regulations which enabled the Town to receive State participation under Chapter 81 in resurfacing this street from the bridge to the Somerset Water Works. The cost of this work was \$2,871.46.

The improved macadam road has been extended from Forrest Street through Tremont Street to Middle Street connecting with that section previously improved. It is our plan in 1948 to improve the remaining section of Middle Street to Center thereby completing this important route to the North.

Smith and Pine Streets had some extensive gravel base applied in the past year. It is planned to extend Pine Street with an improved surface and to go as far on Smith Street as funds will allow.

All of our hard surface roads had the usual surface treatment in keeping with our long range plan. Sections of Williams and Elm Streets had pea stone and asphalt treatment which is more of a permanent finish and

should last for several years without further surface treatment.

For many years the problem of handling surface water at the corner of Hart and Elm Streets during rain storms has been a constant source of annoyance to people living in that section and of great concern to the Board of Selectmen. The existing drainage facilities were not adequate to handle the tremendous volume of water that was cascaded down the two hills, and the adjoining farm lands carrying the gravel from the road beds out on to Elm Street.

In order to correct this condition it was necessary for our Street Department working under Public Works supervision to construct three new catch basins and install proper pipes whereby the water is taken across the road and diverted into the ditch on Elm Street.

The construction of these basins and the laying of the pipe was more difficult and expensive due to the ledge formations at this location. The cost of this project amounted to \$1,500.00, \$500.00 for each, the State, County and Town. It is our hope that we may resurface this area in the year 1948.

All dirt or gravel based roads in Town have been scraped and the most needed spots gravelled during the year. We realize that much gravel is needed in some cases to improve the roads to a large degree. With the Town now owning a gravel bank it will enable us to carry on a more extensive program and we further feel that the use of a power grader will improve greatly the conditions of these roads.

As authorized by the annual Town meeting, a gravel bank was purchased from Mr. Joseph Dias on Smith Street at a cost of \$500.00.

This hill was stripped of loam and a proper approach built at an expense of \$500.00 which amount was used from the General highway account. This investment has proven to be a very profitable one for the Town, as there has been in the first year sufficient savings on the cost of gravel to pay for the whole project. It is estimated that there is a supply of good gravel in this hill to meet the requirements of the Town for many years to come.

Throughout the past year we have enjoyed working with Mr. Grover Coffin and Mr. Seth Freeman, State engineer, and we wish to express our appreciation for their most helpful cooperation.

At a special Town Meeting held September 12, 1947 an appropriation was voted to purchase the property of Mr. Cortland R. Young on Main Street being occupied by the Town for fire station purposes. An amount of \$2,500.00 for purchase and \$9,500.00 for remodeling was authorized. This property has been purchased and the Deed is recorded.

The blue prints and specifications for this work are completed and ready to be submitted for bids. It is the hope of the committee to have this building completed early in April. We wish to thank members of the committee serving with us, namely: Norman Bowen, Wendall Carey, John Farrar, Antone Goulart, Donald Hathaway and John W. Synan for the many long evenings it required to complete the plans.

In June the Selectmen received a request from the School Committee to appoint a Site Committee for the purpose of making a study and survey of the possible locations for the construction of a new Elementary School.

The following were appointed:

John Bolger, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

G. Russell Horton, Chairman, School Committee

John Rolfe, Superintendent of Schools

Harold Woodward, member School Committee

Charles Swartz, member School Committee

Roy Horton, citizen

Albert DeMello, citizen

John Callaghan, citizen

After several meetings and surveying the possible sites, the Committee chose the Whitmarsh property on the corner of Main and Milk Streets and requested the Board of Selectmen to implement their wish by calling a Special Town Meeting to consider an appropriation for the purchase of this land.

At the Special Town Meeting held November 17, 1947, \$3,300.00 was appropriated and transferred from the Sale of Real Estate Fund for the purchase of eleven acres of land from Mrs. Whitmarsh for a site of a new Elementary school and recreation facilities. It was further voted that the Moderator appoint a Planning Committee to prepare preliminary plans and specifications and report at the next Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator appointed the following: John Bolger, John Rolfe, G. Russell Horton, Norman S. Bowen, Richard DeMello, Trenor F. Goodell, Jr. and J. K. Milliken, Jr.

Within the year, Mrs. Marion Brown has assumed the duties of Junior Clerk and Typist in the Town Office left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Maude Barrow.

Mrs. Brown also serves as Clerk to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors and assistant Town Clerk. Mrs. Brown is ably assisted by the newest member of the Town Office family, Mrs. Mary Bissonnette.

We urge that each citizen study the Town Auditor's report. It should be noted that total unexpended balances of departmental appropriations were \$5,466.05. In view of the conservative appropriations for the year this is considered a much better result than was anticipated.

As taxpayers we are concerned with the ever increasing cost of government and are anxious to reduce that cost. As usual there is considerable difference of opinion by expert economists and policy makers as to what the future holds for America and the world. One thing is definite which affects us all, "Everything is high." In carrying out a policy of economy we are faced with increased wages, higher material charges and increased cost of all services. The outlook for a taxpayer is not a bright one. New revenues must be found to relieve the taxpayer. As yet no definite plan has been established. Local authorities have no alternative other than reduce expenses to keep the tax rate from skyrocketing. County and State taxes and assessments are items which are ever increasing and mean higher tax rates.

Your Selectmen are determined to keep the tax rate down by keeping expenses down and we will consider no plan calling for unnecessary expenses. We do however feel that our capital investments should be maintained and the various public services continued which are essential.

We wish to acknowledge the generous Christmas Fund as contributed to the Town by the Taunton Grey-

hound Association and express our appreciation for their many charitable acts.

To all Town officials, employees and citizens we are most grateful for their continued loyalty and cooperation.

JOHN BOLGER

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD

GEORGE V. TINKHAM

Selectmen of Dighton.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The regular annual Town Meeting for Election of Officers was held in the Town Hall on March 3, 1947. Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Wayne M. Philbrook, who read the Warrant at 12 o'clock noon. Rose E. Bolger was elected Moderator pro-tem in absence of the Moderator. The polls were opened for voting at 12:05 o'clock P. M. with the Election Officers as follows: Elaine Varley, Hazel Horton, Rose Bolger, Catherine J. Sherman, Florence Perry, Walter H. Hampton, Irene Goulart and Rhea Buckley. The polls were closed at 8 o'clock P. M. Ballots having been assorted and counted, the results were declared as follows:

Moderator for one year—Wayne M. Philbrook.

Selectmen for three years—George V. Tinkham.

Board of Public Welfare for three years—George V. Tinkham.

Auditor for one year—William F. Hathaway.

Town Clerk for three years—Dwight F. Lane.

Town Treasurer for one year—Dwight F. Lane.

Assessor for three years—Raymond A. Horton.

Tax Collector for three years—Percy B. Simmons.

School Committee for three years—Jessie P. Christenson and Charles Swartz.

Trustee, Public Library for three years—Jerome Greer.

Tree Warden for one year—Henry P. Goff.

Oyster Warden for one year—John Bolger, George F. Hathaway and Dwight F. Lane.

Fish Warden for one year—John Bolger, George F. Hathaway and Dwight F. Lane.

Provisions of Section Forty of Chapter Seventy-one of the General Laws, as amended, relative to equal pay for men and women teachers in this Town, accepted.

It was voted to adjourn to meet Monday, March 10, 1947, in the Town Auditorium at 7:30 P. M.

The regular annual Town Meeting was held in the Town Hall on March 10, 1947. Moderator Wayne M. Philbrook called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the Warrant by the Town Clerk as it had previously been published.

Voted: To accept the various reports of Town Officials as published in the Town Officers Report.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officials and Committees.

Voted: That the Town Treasurer be bonded for \$14,900 and the Tax Collector be bonded for \$14,700.

Voted: That the Town grant to the Tax Collector the same authority in making collections as possessed by a Town Treasurer.

Voted: That the salaries of elected Town Officials be established for 1947 as follows:

Moderator	\$20.00
Town Treasurer	850.00

Town Clerk	450.00
Tax Collector	1,050.00
Town Auditor	500.00

Assessors:

Chairman	1,000.00
Others (each)	400.00

Selectmen:

Chairman	440.00
Others	200.00

Welfare Board:

Chairman	200.00
Others	100.00

Board of Health:

Chairman	200.00
Others	100.00

Tree Warden	35.00
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School Board:

Financial Secretary	20.00
Secretary	10.00

Voted: That the following, which were approved and recommended by the Finance Committee, be raised and appropriated:

High School Construction Bonds	\$4,000.00
High School Addition Notes	2,500.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes	740.63
Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital	4,773.88
Mosquito Control	125.00
School Department	108,242.40

School Water Supplies	1,000.00
Public Library	1,400.00
Welfare Department	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance	16,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	700.00
World War II	100.00
Board of Health	5,336.24
General Relief Administration	2,734.68
Fire Department	2,997.50
Police Department	1,350.00
Street Department—General Fund	3,100.00
Chapter 81—Highway Fund	6,900.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance Account	500.00
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	900.00
Gypsy Moth Department	750.00
Memorial Day Observance	100.00
General Government	12,436.90
Tax Title Redemption Costs	200.00
Reserve Account	5,000.00

Voted: That the following be appropriated and transferred from Surplus Revenue Account:

Library Oil Burner	\$350.00
Chapter 90—Construction	4,800.00

Voted: That the proceeds of the Dog Tax Refund be appropriated to the use of the School Department.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1947 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted: That the maximum hourly wage for laborers employed by the Street Department be \$.75 per hour.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction or private sale, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

Voted: That a Committee, consisting of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk, be authorized to have prepared a floor plan for a Town Office Building to be constructed on Town property north of the High School, and that they submit a report of progress at the next annual Town Meeting.

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$1.00 for the purchase of a parcel of land from Mr. Lester M. Briggs located on County Street for the purpose of Fire House Construction, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to accept the necessary deeds in the transfer of said parcel.

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of a parcel of land containing a suitable gravel supply from the Estate of John Dias, located on Smith Street and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to accept the necessary deeds in the transfer of said parcel.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to study, survey and analyze the feasibility of the Town establishing a suitable monument or memorial in honor of the Town's citizens who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II, and to report their findings and recommendations thereon at the next annual Town Meeting. On this com-

mittee the Selectmen appointed the following: Harold Perry, Richard DeMello, Robert Leeming, Wilbur Menges and Paul Horton.

It was voted to adjourn to meet Monday, May 5, 1947 at 7:30 P. M. o'clock in the Town Hall.

The regular adjourned Town Meeting, adjourned from March 10, 1947 was held in the Town Hall on May 5, 1947.

Meeting called to order by Wayne M. Philbrook, Moderator at 7:30 P. M.

The Moderator appointed the Finance Committee for the year as follows: Caesar Araujo, Thomas F. Barry, Norman S. Bowen, Charles N. Goff, Dr. Arnold E. Wordell, Dr. Charles M. Souza and Joseph K. Milliken.

Voted to adjourn at 7:50 P. M.

The Special Town Meeting was held in the Town Hall on May 5, 1947. Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Wayne M. Philbrook at 8:15 P. M., and the Warrant was read by him.

Voted: To make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction with the 1947 Highway Program under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90.

Voted: That the Town of Dighton accept a proposed layout of Williams Street as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk and to authorize and accept a proposed taking by eminent domain or purchase, as provided by the General Laws of Massachusetts, by the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, for the purpose of

constructing, altering, locating or repairing a highway in said Dighton, known as Williams Street, as shown on a plan of the proposed layout of Williams Street, entitled "Plan of Road in the Town of Dighton, Bristol Co. Scale 40 feet to the inch, Office of Massachusetts Department of Public Works, July 31, 1946," said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, and in accordance with the description on file with the Town Clerk, parcels of land in fee with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the hereinafter named owners, including all fixtures, buildings, structures affixed thereto, and all trees, including shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs and stone walls, and also that the Town appropriate the sum of \$200 from Surplus Revenue for the purpose of paying expenses and damages in connection with said taking.

Voted to adjourn at 8:48 P. M.

Special Town Meeting held on September 12, 1947 in the Town Hall. Meeting called to order by Moderator Wayne M. Philbrook at 7:30 P. M.

Voted: To dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

Voted: To accept the report of the Fire House Committee.

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, \$2,500.00 for the purchase of land and buildings from Mr. Cortland R. Young on Main Street and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to accept a deed therefore.

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, \$9,500.00 to remodel and repair the fire house and install equipment as specified in the Committee report.

Voted: That the Fire House Committee act as a Fire House Building Committee, complete plans and award contracts for the fire house project.

Voted to adjourn at 8:00 P. M.

Special Town Meeting held on November 17, 1947 in the Town Hall. Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Wayne M. Philbrook at 7:30 P. M.

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer from the Sale of Real Estate Fund \$3,400.00 to purchase land from Mrs. Mabel Whitmarsh at Main and Milk Streets for Elementary School, athletic field and playground purposes and to defray legal charges relative thereto.

Voted: That the Moderator be instructed and authorized to appoint an Elementary School House Planning Committee of seven members to engage an architect to prepare plans and estimates for a new Elementary School House, athletic field and playground to be constructed and developed on Town owned property at Main and Milk Streets, and to report their action thereon to the next Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator appointed the following on this Committee: John Bolger, John J. Rolfe, G. Russell Horton, Norman S. Bowen, Trenor Goodell, J. K. Milliken, Jr. and Richard DeMello.

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer from the Sale of Real Estate Fund \$300.00 to defray expenses of the Elementary School House Planning Committee.

The following appointments were made by the Selectmen for the year, each being duly sworn to faithful performance of duties thereof:

Constables: John W. Synan, Raymond A. Horton and Arthur F. Sprague.

Police Officers: John W. Synan, Esther Bowden, Levite F. Carrier, Eric A. Christenson, Charles M. Gilbert, Raymond A. Horton, Harry F. McConville, Harold McQuillan, Arthur F. Sprague and John R. Stanley.

Special Police Officers (Mt. Hope Finishing Co.): Ervin E. Barney, J. C. N. Bleau, Alexander Booth, William J. Brown, Arthur L. Clegg, Frederick W. Hopkins, Jr., Edmond Menard, Joseph N. Parent, Eugene B. Poole, Lawrence Ryan, George L. Seekell, Adolphus B. Simmons, Robert T. Synan, Leon A. Talbot, Clifford F. Wheeler and Herbert W. Hayes.

Special Police Officers (Arnold Hoffman & Co., Inc.): Norman Bowen, Willis F. Barlow, Wendell B. Carey, Milton Chace, Lyle C. Ingalls, Burton Simmons, Karl Spratt and George West.

Reserve Police Officers: James A. Ashcroft, Ernest Atwood, Willis F. Barlow, Ervin E. Barney, Maurice Boucher, Charles A. Briggs, Charles Broadbent, Charles Brooks, F. W. Buckley, Wendell B. Carey, Robert C. Chadwick, Russell M. Conn, Arthur Contildes, James Corey, Cassius Cummings, Arthur Davis, Louis T. Dooley, E. W. Frazer, Antone Goulart, Frank Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Robert F. Harnish, John W. Harrison, Thomas Higgins, Gordon Holmes, William Holmes, C. W. Horton, Russell Leonard, Charles Mason, John J. McMann, Thomas Nelson, Harold A. Perry, Samuel Pine, Victor Rapoza, Albert Reed, Wilson L. Reid, Louis Rose, B. C. Sherman, Jr., Earl M. Smith, Frank C. Souza, John Stanley, George Staples, Owen W. Synan, Edward Torres, Robert Turner, Louis White, H. F. Willis, Isaac Wilson, J. W. LeRoy Latimer and John R. Ingham.

Public Weighers (Mt. Hope Finishing Co.): Joseph F. Alexandre, Leslie I. Atwood, A. Chester Barber, Frank H. Boothby, Manuel Cardoza, Levite F. Carrier, Frank G.

Dutra, William F. Hathaway, John S. Mather, Arthur A. Netto, Manuel Pacheco, Holida E. Paradis, Frank Posca, Thomas L. Smith, Everett H. Waldron, Clifford F. Walton, Jason E. Waterman, Abbot E. Wilson, John F. McGowan and John Taylor.

Sealer of Weights and Measures — Donald B. Hathaway.

Burial Agent—Walter Hampton.

Inspector of Milk—Peter F. Connolly.

Social Worker—Bella M. Boucher.

State Aid and Soldiers' Relief Correspondent — Clayton H. Atwood.

Inspector of Animals—Lester Briggs.

Superintendent of Streets—Henry P. Goff.

Gypsy Moth Superintendent—George W. Rose.

Inspector of Slaughtering—Arthur F. Sprague.

Constable for South School—Rudolph Christenson.

Constable for High School—Howell Carr.

Constable for Somerset Water Works—Frederick Hunt.

Auctioneer—John W. Synan.

Registrar of Voters—Antone S. Goulart.

Harbor Master—Wilbur Menges.

Accident Compensation Agent—Harry S. Bridgford.

Measurer of Wood—Raymond Marble and Raymond Horton.

Field Driver and Pound Keeper—Raymond Horton and Wendell B. Carey.

Fence Viewer—Raymond Horton, Arthur F. Sprague and Walter Hampton.

Agent of Health Department—Dwight F. Lane and John W. Synan.

Chief of Police—John W. Synan.

Chiefs of Fire Department — John W. Synan and Wendell B. Carey.

Town Forest Committee—George H. Gilbert.

Public Weigher (Arnold Hoffman & Co., Inc.—Walter Pilling.

Town Nurse—Esther Bowden, R. N.

Election Officers: Precinct A — Anna Simmons, Muriel Holmes, Rhea Buckley, Anna Carvalho, Selma V. Wall, Isabelle C. Bergman, Henry Lincoln and Manuel Amaral; Precinct B—Walter Hampton, Elaine B. Varley, Catherine J. Sherman, Ellen Reed, Hilda Goulart, Mary E. Hathaway, Hazel W. Horton and Helen E. Atwood; Precinct C—Jerome Greer, Rose Bolger, William Macker, Florence I. Perry, Francis Guillet, George W. Rose, George E. Cole and Irene S. Goulart

The following licenses were issued during the year 1947:

	Date of Issue	Date of Expiration
Junk Licenses:		
Joseph Morris	Jan. 21, 1947	May 1, 1947
Paul F. Splaine	Apr. 30, 1947	May 1, 1948
Louis Davis	Dec. 3, 1947	May 1, 1948
Common Victualler's License:		
Joseph & Joseph L. Thomas	Jan. 2, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
George Gagne	Jan. 2, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Mt. Hope Finishing Co.	Jan. 2, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947

Louis Constantine & Julien Hayden	Jan. 2, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Albert Enos & Everett Bartelho	Mar. 19, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
C. R. Young	Mar. 19, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Theodore B. Ladd	Mar. 21, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Lee Fields, Bristol Catering Co.	Apr. 21, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Joseph W. Perry	June 4, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Frank Magoni & Thomas DiNucci	Aug. 14, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Antone S. Roderick	Nov. 19, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947

Lord's Day Licenses:

C. R. Young	Feb. 12, 1947	Apr. 30, 1947
Theodore B. Ladd	Mar. 21, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Peter Kossoi	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Taunton Yacht Club	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Harry P. Linnell	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
George Gagne	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Joseph & Joseph L. Thomas	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
C. R. Young	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Albert Enos	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
John R. Ingham	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
William Benevides	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Mid-City Flying Service Station	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
David Pittsley	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Louis Constantine & Julien Hayden	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Joseph W. Perry	Aug. 20, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Frank Magoni & Thomas DiNucci	Aug. 14, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Joseph G. Faria	Sept. 26, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
Elliott E. Barney	Nov. 19, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948

Denatured Alcohol Licenses:

North Dighton Garage	Jan. 1, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Paul B. Lassen	Jan. 1, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Geo. H. Phillips & Son	Jan. 1, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Carl Gorden, Inc.	Jan. 1, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Alfred Francis	Jan. 1, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Mid-City Flying Service Station	Jan. 1, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947

Automobile Dealer's License:

Paul B. Lassen	Jan. 1, 1947	Jan. 1, 1948
Carl P. Gorden, Inc.	Jan. 15, 1947	Jan. 1, 1948

Sausage Manufacturing License:

Manuel Borges	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948
John P. Pacheco	Apr. 30, 1947	Apr. 30, 1948

All Alcoholic Restaurant License:

George Gagne	Jan. 2, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Louis Constantine & Julien Hayden	Jan. 2, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Frank Magoni & Thomas DiNucci	Aug. 14, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947

Alcoholic Package Store License:

Annie Mendoza	Jan. 1, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
Joseph B. Torres	Jan. 2, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947

Wines and Malt Beverages:

Lee Field, Bristol Catering Co.	Apr. 21, 1947	Oct. 30, 1947
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Cabins License:

Nathan T. Ladd	Mar. 12, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947
D. M. Angell	Mar. 26, 1947	Dec. 31, 1947

Milk Licenses: (Stores)

P. Kossoi, Albert Enos, William F. Benevides, C. R. Young, Lee Fields, No. Dighton Food Store, John R. Ingham, Louis Constantine and Julian Hayden, Joseph L. Thomas, Harry Linnell, Frank Magoni & Thomas DiNucci.

Milk Licenses: (Dealers)

H. P. Hood & Sons, Devine Milk Co., Mt. Hope Dairy, John Martin & Sons.

A Dog Racing Meeting License was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. beginning May 2, 1947 and ending June 28, 1947 from 7:00 P. M. to 12:00 Midnight.

Attest:

DWIGHT F. LANE
Town Clerk.

Births Recorded During the Year 1947

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
2	Paulette A. Boucher	Theodore and Rosabelle Boucher
3	John Archibald Robinson, 2	Donald and Frances Robinson
7	Anita Christina Booth	Thomas and Juliette Booth
9	Barbara Jane Mosher	Harold and Marie Mosher
10	George Francis Rubadou	George and Muriel Rubadou
12	William Robert Sankey	William and Mary Sankey
14	Roberta Ann Yelle	Raymond and Louise Yelle
14	Robert Arthur Yelle	Raymond and Louise Yelle
18	Louis Botelho	Louis and Lillian Botelho
20	Cheryl Ann Horton	Howard and Enid Horton
23	Sharon Ann Reichenberg	Clayton and Beatrice Reichenberg
29	Edward Joseph Amaral	Joseph and Arlene Amaral
FEBRUARY		
5	Douglas Aubrey Crawford	Aubrey and Mary Crawford
6	David A. Smith	Harold and Gladys Smith
8	Nancy Joan Golliff	Alvin and Florence Golliff
10	Julianne Marie Freeman	Vincent and Lucille Freeman
11	James Wallace Nunes	Wallace and Kathleen Nunes
13	Frederick William Gracia	Frederick and Loretta Gracia
14	Daniel A. Ferrie	Daniel and Florence Ferrie
15	Donald M. Silvia	Oscar and Margaret Silvia
18	Guy Michael Fleck	Joseph and Shirley Fleck
23	Norman Peter Pierce, Jr.	Norman and Lilyan Pierce
23	Thomas E. Hathaway	Emmons and Barbara Hathaway
23	Michael Paul O'Connell	Henry and Elaine O'Connell
28	Rosemary Collins	Edward and Caroline Collins
28	Philip Edward Carey	Wendell and Muriel Carey
28	Rita Ann Araujo	Caesar and Agnes Araujo
MARCH		
7	Dianne Pemberton	James and Louisa Pemberton
7	Jane Marie Andrews	Manuel and Louise Andrews
7	Jean Marie Andrews	Manuel and Louis Andrews
9	Carol Amy Smith	Horace and Edwina Smith
10	William H. Dias	John and Louise Dias
15	Wayne Nelson Amaral	Manuel and Georgianna Amaral

Date	Name	Parents
17	Linda Ann Terry	Leonard and Elizabeth Terry
17	Edward David Antunes	Edward and Virginia Antunes
27	Richard A. DeMello	Richard and Mary DeMello
29	Blanche Marie Bilodeau	Leo and Jeannette Bilodeau

APRIL

2	Mary Louise Iacoponi	Gino and Mary Iacoponi
3	Norman Rose	George and Isabel Rose
5	Claudia Ann Luiz	Frank and Barbara Luiz
5	Donna Ann Corr	Donald and Janice Corr
7	James Robert Cavanagh	Robert and Eva Cavanagh
8	Thomas John Scully	Thomas and Theresa Scully
10	Bethanna Goff	Henry and Eugenia Goff
14	Herbert Willis Hall	Willis and Phyllis Hall
21	Russell C. Jones	Irving E. and Louise Jones
22	Daniel DeRose	Edwin and Eleanor DeRose
23	Joseph James Dechene	Leo and Patricia Dechene
24	Michael Carty	Joseph and Elizabeth Carty
24	Sheila May Fierra	Antone and Eileen Fierra
26	Dennis Allen Corey	Edward and Opal Corey

MAY

10	Marcia Mary Taylor	Herbert and Elsie Taylor
10	Raymond Allen Boyce	Ralph and Avis Boyce
10	George R. Miguel	George and Madeline Miguel
12	Donna Ann Rogers	Joseph and Adrienne Rogers
13	Sandra Joanne Kerrigan	Joseph and Ruth Kerrigan
14	Elaine Nancy Suspiro	Frank and Mildred Suspiro
16	Pamela Shirley Cork	John and Ida Cork
18	David Leonard Ridley	Leonard and Ellen Ridley
18	Barry Curtis Marvel	Ervin and Phyllis Marvel
19	James William Winter	Valentine and Bertha Winter
24	Priscilla Costa	Cusmedo and Alice Costa
25	Nancy Lee Berube	Bernard and Eleanor Berube
26	Renee Christine Cettel	Louis and Elva Cettel
30	Pamela Ann Menard	Raymond and Louise Menard

JUNE

3	Elizabeth Carpenter Tuttle	Peter and Helen Tuttle
6	Antone Paul Roderick	Antone and Mary Roderick
7	John Martin Fonseca, Jr.	John and Margaret Fonseca

Date	Name	Parents
7	Brian John Pilling	Richard and Dorothy Pilling
7	Raymond Allen Andrews	Anthony and Blanche Andrews
15	Theodore Curtis Taber	William and Edna Taber
17	Donna Lee Castle	Arthur and Grace Castle
20	Linda Carol Norcutt	George and Catherine Norcutt
20	Edward James Andrade	Charles and Olga Andrade
20	Susan Shirley Harris	Frederick and Agnes Harris
28	Lee Dexter Greenlaw	Henry and Margaret Greenlaw

JULY

1	Dorothy Ann Adams	Herbert and Dorothy Adams
1	Daisy Mae Carr	Ben and Macy Carr
4	Theresa Helen Stankiewicz	Benjamin and Helen Stankiewicz
13	Joyce Lydia Sylvander	Charles and Marjorie Sylvander
13	Dawnne Elaine Stronstrom	Edward and Doris Stonstrom
17	Elizabeth Anne Costa	Anthony and Anna Costa
23	Jeanette Murphy	Robert and Jeanette Murphy
28	Josette Marie Roderiques	Jose and Jesse Roderiques
28	Jeanette Marie Roderiques	Jose and Jesse Roderiques
28	Victoria Elaine Thornley	Raymond and Beverly Thornley
31	Audrey Jean Walczak	George and Blanche Walczak

AUGUST

7	Kenneth Lopes	Joaquin and Helen Lopes
7	Stephan James Wilson	Abbott and Annie Wilson
16	Gracia	Robert and Anna Gracia
26	Brenda Marie Silvia	Albert and Mary Silvia

SEPTEMBER

1	James Reiley Sherry	Russell and Eleanor Sherry
2	Andrew Lewis Rose	Andrew and Esther Rose
2	Lynn Elsie Barrow	Albert and Maude Barrow
4	Helen Louise Correia	Armando and Anna Correia
8	Serafino Del Signore	Nicholas and Agnes Del Signore
9	Gayle Susan Bradbury	James and Elsie Bradbury
10	Joanne Perry	Joseph and Louise Perry
10	Elizabeth E. Simmons	Ralph and Margaret Simmons
11	James Noble McClurg	Nolan and Ruth McClurg
11	Theresa Irene Jacques	Alfred and Irene Jacques
11	Richard Leonard	Russell and Madeline Leonard
14	David Jones	Bertrand and Monica Jones

Date	Name	Parents
16	Thomas Alan Quackenbush	Gerald and Evelyn Quackenbush
19	Paul Manuel Fitta	John and Alice Fitta
20	Pauline Elizabeth Lee	Harry and Rita Lee
24	David Ferreira	Francis and Isabelle Ferreira
28	Peggy Ann Grant	William and Dorothy Grant
28	John William Egan, Jr.	John and Barbara Egan
28	Suzanne Theresa Levesque	Ludger and Elizabeth Levesque
30	Robert William Sabens	Robert and Allemirilla Sabens

OCTOBER

4	Suzanne Ellen Maynard	Ronald A. and Ann P. Maynard
14	Janice Mae Walsh	Henry F. and Lucille Walsh
21	Joanne Sylvia	Manuel and Lililan M. Sylvia
21	Dorothy Louise Francis	Manual and Mary Francis
23	Elizabeth Mabel Hopkins	Vernon and Priscilla Hopkins
25	Tobias Alan Freitas	Tobias and Adrianna Freitas
25	John Soares	Manuel and Mary Soares
25	Kathryn Jean Bennett	Ira and Louise Bennett
25	Kenneth Bruce Bennett	Ira and Louise Bennett

NOVEMBER

2	Linda Louise Fisher	Joseph and Anna Fisher
3	James Howard DeCoff	Kenneth and Imelda DeCoff
5	Susan Paula Harnish	Robert and Alice Harnish
9	Rosemary Gomes	Joseph and Louise Gomes
18	Cynthia Lee Dean	Leo and Muriel Dean
21	Paul Andrew Maguire	William and Ruth Maguire
22	Edward Maurice Berube, Jr.	Edward and Geraldine Berube
26	David Rose	Manuel and Louise Rose
27	Priscilla Jean Hebert	Wilfred and Blanche Hebert

DECEMBER

3	Donna Frances Masse	Ernest and Audrey Masse
9	Duane Anthony Butler	Maurice and Mary Butler
11	Caroline Irene Rebeiro	John and Irene Rebeiro

Marriages Recorded During the Year 1947

JANUARY

- 1 Raymond Alton Thornley of Taunton and Beverly Jean Mason of Dighton, by Nolan J. McClurg, Clergyman.
- 4 Alphonse J. Laine of Dighton and Margaret I. Gagner of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 4 George Walczak of Dighton and Blanche Mae Leonard of Raynham, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 11 Elijah Wilcox of Taunton and Julia Brewer of Taunton, by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 18 Paul Stanton Horton of Dighton and Patricia Anne Synan of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 25 Frank T. Reichenberg of Taunton and Louise May Marvel of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

FEBRUARY

- 8 John J. McGrath of Taunton and Beverly R. Bowen of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 15 Thomas A. Caruolo of Providence and Olga A. Furtado of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

MARCH

- 4 Howard F. Patterson of Michigan and Meridith Murdock of Michigan, by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace
- 8 Norbert Morgado of Swansea and Lillian E. Carr of Swansea, by J. H. Pritchard, Clergyman.

APRIL

- 12 James W. Stafford of Dighton and Nellie M. Hobday of Taunton, by J. Herbert Brautigam Jr., Clergyman.
- 12 Roy Mitton of Taunton and Adrienne Milot of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 12 Marion R. Silvia of Somerset and Anna Marie Francis of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 12 John Leo Creamer of Providence and Rita Eileen McCarthy of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 13 Carl Otis Braden of Idaho and Doris Mildred Oldmixon of Dighton, by J. H. Pritchard, Clergyman.
- 19 Philip A. Beaulieu of Warren and Isabel Rego Sousa of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 19 Russell Ernest Marsden of Taunton and Beverly Jeane Ladd of Dighton, by Harold O. Worster, Minister.
- 19 Antone Medeiros of Dighton and Melvina Margaret Pavao of Somerset, by Stephen J. Downey, Priest.
- 26 Emil O. Cameron of Providence and Jane A. Halock of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 30 Raymond Enelid Peloquin of Fall River and Jean Marion Goodell of Dighton by Gilbert K. Hill, Clergyman.

MAY

- 10 Robert Lee Reeves of Dighton and Lillian Rose Scott of Dighton, by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 17 Louis B. Rose of Dighton and Irene Rogue of Taunton, by Edward L. Killigrew, Priest.

- 24 Hugh L. Stafford of Dighton and Ruth Black of Taunton, by J. Herbert Brautigam, Jr., Clergyman.
- 29 James Everett Almeida of Taunton and Agnes Santos of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 31 Edward Albert Miecznikowski of Dighton and Laura Josephine Paoli of Pawtucket, by J. Leo Lyons, Priest.

JUNE

- 7 Frank P. Dutra of Dighton and Vivian E. Lemrise of New Bedford, by Roger Poirier, Priest.
- 14 Henry Arthur LeClair of Taunton and Marguerite Alice Bissonnette of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 14 James J. Smith of Dighton and Anne L. Wood of Taunton, by J. Manley Shaw, Clergyman.
- 14 Edward David Hamilton of Dighton and Doris Gertrude Miller of Dighton, by J. H. Pritchard, Clergyman.
- 17 Charles H. Coleman of Dighton and Janie Blues-ter of Dighton, by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 21 Edward J. Curley of Taunton and Kathleen A. O'Connell of Dighton, by William D. Thomson, Priest.
- 21 Dean B. Bullard of Dighton and Jean E. Stafford of Dighton, by Nolan J. McClurg, Clergyman.
- 28 Hugh MacDonald of Taunton and Helen Leon-ard of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 28 Conrad C. Bleau of Taunton and Mary T. Corey of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

- 28 Paul E. Morin of Cranston and Shirley L. Buckley of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 28 Tobias Freitas of Taunton and Adrianna Dean Harrison of Dighton, by Stephen B. Chapman, Minister.
- 30 Paul F. Johnson of Ohio and Theresa L. Millot of Dighton, by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 30 Colin Chisholm of Taunton and Dorothy Ridley of Dighton, by John T. Higgins, Priest.

JULY

- 3 William Peloquin of Dighton and Margaret Galuski of Taunton, by David W. Buzzell, Minister.
- 11 Thomas F. Markey of Taunton and Mary-Elaine J. Rohr of Pawtucket by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 12 Albert S. Craven of New York and Marjorie D. Knott of Dighton, by Nolan J. McClurg, Clergyman.
- 19 Robert James Ensley of Taunton and Alice Santos of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 19 Manuel Frank of Dighton and Gertrude Levesque of Fall River, by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 26 Frederick Harwood of Dighton and Marion Parker of Taunton, by Leo M. Curry, Priest.

AUGUST

- 28 Frank Silvia of Taunton and Lena Badejo Lopes of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 30 Manuel White of Dighton and Elaine Silvia of Taunton, by E. Sousa DeMello, Priest.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Joseph A. Arsenault of Taunton and Edna A. Milot of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 6 William Joseph Smith of Taunton and Edith Rose Corey of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 6 William T. Cooke of Taunton and Olga Walczak of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 7 Eugene M. White of Dighton and Elizabeth L. Ashley of Taunton, by J. Manley Shaw, Clergyman.
- 13 Alvan Constantine of Dighton and Rosemary O'Connell of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 13 Raymond M. Spearin of Taunton and Otilia A. Neves of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 20 Antonio Amaral of Taunton and Ilda Goulart of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 21 Arthur Davis of Dighton and Mary Pacheco of Taunton, by David W. Buzzell, Minister.
- 27 Raymond T. Sylvia of Dighton and Audrey G. Parris of Taunton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.

OCTOBER

- 11 Stanley L. Stankiewicz of Connecticut and Mary V. Alves of Dighton, by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 11 William A. Davis of Raynham and Norma E. Gagner of Taunton, by John J. Shay, Priest.
- 11 William Frederick Aishcroft of Dighton and Barbara Louise Horton of Swansea, by George F. Currier, Minister.
- 18 Christopher Owens McCarthy of Dighton and Gertrude Elizabeth Kilduff of Providence, by William F. Pyne, Priest.
- 25 Herman J. Bouchard of Taunton and Rita M. Buckley of Dighton, by John J. Shay, Priest.

- 25 Henry DeSousa of Providence and Ruth Horton of Dighton, by Nolan J. McClurg, Clergyman.

NOVEMBER

- 8 Joseph D. Benevides of Dighton and Alice Smith of Rehoboth, by Marian F. Nichols, Justice of the Peace.
- 8 Arlmued L. Vaz of Dighton and Mary Canzano Correia of Taunton, by S. T. Lippincott, Minister.
- 22 Edmond Allen of Dighton and Mamie Marron of Dighton, by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 22 Francis Kenney of Somerset and Celia Moskol of Berkley, by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 26 Gene Cabral of Fall River and Irene Jussaume Bosse of Fall River, by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 29 Manuel Joseph Rodericks of Dighton and Evelyn Rego of Fall River, by Joseph M. Silvia, Priest.
- 29 George F. Scott of Providence and Leona S. O'Connell of Dighton, by Thomas H. Scott, Priest.

DECEMBER

- 2 Roy Edward Ballou of Dighton and Mildred Bertha Atwood of Dighton, by J. H. Pritchard, Minister.
- 6 George Franklin Rose, Jr. of Dighton and Mae Louise Jones of Dighton, by J. H. Pritchard, Minister.
- 12 Walter Earl Jones of Dighton and Frances Amelia Rose of Dighton, by J. H. Pritchard, Minister.
- 20 Adolphe Baer of Taunton and Lucy Ann (Marsden) Chadwick of Dighton, by John Linton Dwyer, Clergyman.

Deaths Recorded During the Year 1947

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.
JANUARY				
3	Mary White Amaral	45	9	28
7	Edna (Asenor) Reed	41	5	----
10	Wendel Bean	75	----	----
10	Anna Murray	93	4	26
11	Annie Florence Tinkham	73	10	21
17	Amanda Williams Stockard	82	3	15
20	Harry Stafford	43	2	26
FEBRUARY				
4	Sarah Hoyle	85	0	21
10	Luella Francis Sturgis	83	2	27
15	Antone J. Perry	68	----	----
MARCH				
13	George Leonard Borden	78	3	27
13	Cora E. Rhodes	89	9	12
13	Orville E. Sweet	58	1	24
27	Andrew L. Gagner	53	----	----
27	Felix Ludovicz	64	10	7
APRIL				
2	Claribel G. Sherman	54	6	21
15	Herbert Willis Hall		10 hours	
16	Catherine Sariol	76		
18	Mary Francis Murray	85	5	12
MAY				
3	Manuél DeMello	73	----	----
4	Charles Grant Simmons	78	6	1
6	Narcisse St. Laurent, 3rd	38	----	----
13	Edward Everett Hamilton	87	3	15

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.
JUNE				
5	Flora May Miller	55	1	8
8	Thomas W. Barnes	72	----	22
15	Hattie Louisa Marble	81	2	22
23	Edith Talbot (Palmer)	74	----	----
24	Grace Marion King	57	2	10
27	Joseph A. Freuier	82	7	----
JULY				
7	Guy E. Marvel	67	1	3
23	Emma J. Levanger Dube	42	----	----
AUGUST				
7	Harriet M. Briggs	88	4	17
8	Elizabeth May Roebuck	85	4	4
SEPTEMBER				
4	Thomas Hathaway		6	12
11	Minnie D. (Horton) Grant	69	5	9
OCTOBER				
1	Philip Brown Hathaway	64	8	16
19	Anna Louise Buffington	84	----	----
19	Harold McQuillan	51	4	22
NOVEMBER				
3	George F. Hathaway	71	6	15
9	Mary N. Warburton	82	----	18
16	Mary Perry Suite (Feitas)	69	3	13
DECEMBER				
17	Benjamin Hornby	73	3	17
24	Mary A. Paul	90	10	2
31	Joshua Ashcroft	66	11	23

Dogs Licensed in 1947

	M	F	S		M	F	S
Adams, Clarence	1			Borba, Antone G.	1		
Adams, Luther J.	1		1	Borden, Alfred B.			1
Adams, Lillian H.	1			Bowden, Jane			1
Allie, Joseph	1			Bradley, Henry I.	2	1	
Alves, Frank	1	1		Bragga, John	1	1	
Amann, William	1			Bridgeford, H. S.			1
Andrews, Anthony	1			Briggs, L. M.	1		
Andrews, J. W.	1			Broadbent, Cynthia			1
Andrews, Manuel	1			Broadbent, Edwin, Jr.	1		
Angell, E. S.		1		Brooks, John	1		
Angus, Albert			1	Burt, Henry		1	
Araujo, Manuel	2			Cabral, Charles	1		
Arnold, Stuart			1	Cambra, Frank P.	1		
Ashcroft, James A.	2			Cambra, Joseph	2		
Atwood, Sadie C.	1			Cambra, Mary	1		
Amaral, Manuel	1			Carey, Wendell B.			1
Badejo, Jessie G.	1			Carr, Herbert I., Jr.	3		
Ball, John			1	Carr, James I.			1
Ballou, Gertrude	1			Carr, Louis H.		1	
Barlow, Willis	1			Carrier, Raymond	1		
Barney, Ervin E.		1		Carvalho, Joseph	1		
Barrow, Albert T.	1			Cash, John		2	
Bell, Joseph	1			Chace, Milton			1
Benevides, William	1			Chamberlain, A. C.			1
Bettencourt, Ralph			1	Chickering, E. E.	1		
Bleau, Robert	1			Cicehetti, Luigi	2		
Boothroyd, Edwin	1			Clemmey, Francis W.	1		

	M	F	S		M	F	S
Coelho, Joseph	1			Ellis, W. H.			1
Cordeiro, Alfred	2			Estabrook, Harriet		1	
Cordeiro, David	1			Estes, Robert A.	1		
Corey, Manuel S.	1			Evangelho, Manuel	2		
Correira, Manuel	1			Farrar, John	1		
Costa, Antone	1			Frazer, Everett			1
Costa, Frank	1			Frates, Antone	1		
Costa, Rita	1			Frolich, Rudolph	1		
Crotty, Osman	1			Francis, Alfred	1		
Cummings, Cassius	1			Glidden, George B.	1		1
Cummings, Wilfred		1		Godway, Floyd			1
Danbury, Geo. B. C.	1			Gomes, Jos. F. Jr.	1		
Davis, Patsy	1			Gonsalves, W. E.	1		
Dechene, Leo	1			Goodwin, Wendell			1
DeLawrence, M. D.	1			Gordon, Norman			1
DeMello, M. S., Jr.	1			Gorden, William R.	1	1	
Denbow, S. W.	1			Goulart, Antone, Jr.	1		
Deslauriers, Leo	1			Goulart, Antone, Sr.	1		
Dias, John	1			Goulart, John	2		
Dooley, Margaret E.			2	Gracia, John	1		
Downey, William	1			Green, Harry B.	2		
Doyle, Annie G.	2	2		Gustafson, H. A.	2		
Doyle, John		2		Hallock, Frank	1		
Duarte, William E.	1			Hamilton, Walter E.			1
Dupont, J. P.	1			Harrison, Ella F. B.	1		
Dupont, J. P., Jr.	2			Hathaway, Benjamin	3	1	
Dupont, Phoebe	1			Hathaway, Donald			1
Duff, John			1	Hathaway, George F.	1		
Dutra, Frank	1			Hathaway, Harry C.			1
Dutra, Seth	1			Hathaway, Lester	1		

	M	F	S		M	F	S
Hawkes, Wyman		1		Mason, Charles	2		
Hay, Allen			1	May, Alton	1		
Hayes, Betty	1			McCulloch, James O.	1		
Haywood, Ingrid	1			McKay, Kenneth			1
Hoffshire, Charles	1		1	McLean, Peter	1	1	
Horton, Clyde W.	1			McMann, Raymond	1		
Horton, Ernest	2	1		McNeil, George	1		
Horton, Leslie	1	1		Meacock, Arthur	1		
Horton, Maynard	1			Medeiros, Albert	1		
Horton, Patricia	1			Medeiros, Frank A.	1		
Horton, Raymond		1		Medeiros, Joseph	1		
Horton, Roy W.	1			Menard, Roy J.	1		
Hunt, Fred	1			Mendoza, Annie	1		
Ingalls, Horace T.	1			Menges, William	1		
Janvrin, Ida			1	Mercer, William	1		
Jilson, George W.	1			Miecznikowski, S.	1		
Jusseame, Aldege	2	1		Miguel, Joseph	1		
Kay, William B.	1			Miguel, Manuel	1		
Kerrigan, Ruth			1	Milliken, Joseph K.	1		
King, Charles P.	1			Milliken, Jos. K., Jr.	1		
Kingsland, Charles	1			Milliken, Robert D.	1		
Kossoi, Peter	2			Monteiro, John S.	1		
Ladd, Theodore B.		1		Morris, Manuel	2		
Lefaivre, Arthur	1			Murray, Agnes		1	
Leonard, Andrew J.	1			Murray, Gladys	1		
Lima, Mary	2			Nelson, Diane	1		
Linnell, Ruth L.		1		Neves, Albano	1		
Maciel, Manuel M.	1			O'Connell, Frank R.	1		
Marques, Antone	2			O'Connell, Joseph D.			1
Marsden, Wm., Jr.	2	3		Oehele, Spencer D.	1		

	M	F	S		M	F	S
Osborn, Lester	1			Robinson, Dorothy M.	1		
Parchesco, Ernest	1			Roderick, Antone	1		
Parchesco, M., Jr.	1			Roderick, John	1		
Parenteau, Joseph	2		1	Roderick, Manuel	1		
Patterson, Grace		1		Roderiques, Antone	1		
Peck, David R.	1			Roderiques, Jose	1		
Perry, Gene, Jr.	1			Rodgers, Samuel W.	1		
Perry, Gene, Sr.	1			Romero, Sophia	1		1
Perry, Helen L.		1		Rose, Earl	1		
Perry, Ida			1	Rose, Frank G.	2		
Perry, Joseph	1			Rose, Francis H.	1		
Perry, Joseph	1		1	Rose, George F.	2	1	
Perry, Manuel	2			Rose, George W.	1		
Phillips, Eugene	1			Rose, Joseph			1
Phillips, Manuel	1			Rose, Joseph	2		1
Phillips, Walter	1			Rose, Manuel	1		
Pine, Frank		1		Rose, Mary D.			1
Pine, Manuel C.		1		Rose, Norman	1		
Pine, Samuel	1	1		Rose, Thomas	1		
Potter, Clinton	1	1		Sanson, Antone, Jr.	1		
Potter, Marion R.	1			Santos, Mary	1		
Pries, John R.	1			Sears, Charles A. E.	1		
Perry, Manuel	1			Sherman, Milton	3	1	
Rasmussen, Charles	1			Silvia, Alfred R.	1		
Reed, Robert	1			Silvia, Anthony, Jr.		1	
Reed, George A.	1			Silvia, Charles	1		
Reed, John	1			Silvia, Frank P.	3		
Reed, William H.	2			Silvia, Joseph R.	2		
Reid, Wilson	1			Silvia, Manuel B.	1		
Ridley, Myron L.	1			Simas, John P.	3		

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Simmons, Percy B.	1			Torres, Frank			1
Sloan, John V.		1		Torres, John A.	1		
Smith, Marcia			1	Torres, Manuel P.	1		
Souza, Marion			1	Travis, Eva A.	1		
Souza, Manuel	1			Tripp, Fred R.	1		
Souza, Frank	1	1	1	Vaz, Almued	1		
Souto, Frank C.	1			Vincent, Anna	1		
Spooner, Elsie	1	1		Viridinlia, Wm. F.	1		
Sprague, Arthur F.	1			Viveiros, Manuel	1		
Spratt, Carl	1			Ward, Bertha F.	1		
Stafford, Lillian			1	Wargot, Francis B.	1		
Stanley, John R.	2	1		Wheeler, Austin	1		
Stawniack, Edwin	1			Wheeler, Elmer J.			1
Suite, Joseph P.	1			White, Lena	1		
Suite, Manuel P.	1			White, Manuel	1		
Swakon, Frank	1			White, Manuel P.	1		
Smith, John B.	1			Whitmore, Floyd	1		
Taunton Greyhound				Whitmore, W. W.	1		
Association	1			Wilbur, Herman	1		
Tavers, John	1			Williams, James E.	1		
Texceira, Peter M.	2			Wilson, Beverly			1
Thomas, Rose	1			Wood, Lewis	1		
Thompson, Chas. A.	1			Woodward, Blanche			1
Torres, Edward	1			Wyatt, Hubert	1		

JURY LIST — 1947 - 1948

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Araujo, Caesar	Farmer	105 Williams St.	No. Dighton
Atwood, Leslie I.	Stock Clerk	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Babbitt, Clifford W.	Carpenter	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Booth, Edward F.	Textile Worker	42 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Carr, Howell	Janitor	Elm St.	Dighton
Cash, John J.	Chemical Operator	Main St.	Dighton
Chamberlain, Albert	Mill Worker	Main St.	Dighton
Conn, Russell	Textile Mach. Opr.	Summer St.	No. Dighton
Davis, Arthur	Farmer	Tremont St.	No. Dighton
DeMello, Richard	Electrician	Elm St.	Dighton
Greenlaw, Henry D.	Millwright	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Hallock, James	Laborer	Wellington St.	No. Dighton
Harrison, William F.	Fire Truck Driver	Center St.	Segreganset
Higgins, Thomas D.	Textile Mach. Opr.	Spring St.	No. Dighton
Hopkins, Randall	Nurseryman	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Ingalls, Horace T.	Boat Carpenter	Center St.	Segreganset
Kherlopian, V. H.	Photographer	Elm & Brook Sts.	Dighton
May, Alton E.	Toolmaker	Center St.	No. Dighton
Mendoza, Harold M.	Mill Operator	Main St.	Dighton
Miguel, George	Mechanic & Farmer	33 Hart St.	Dighton
O'Connell, Edward	Truck Foreman	Summer St.	No. Dighton
Oldmixon, E. Roland	Textile Worker	Elm St.	Dighton
Pine, Manuel	Painter	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Reid, Wilson L.	Chauffeur	36 Park St.	No. Dighton
Rose, Earl W.	Laborer	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Rose, George W.	Farmer	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Simas, John	Mechanic	269 Summer St.	No. Dighton
Simmons, Burton F.	Watchman	Main St.	Dighton
Wilbur, William O.	Veterinarian Ass't.	Center St.	Segreganset
Willis, Harry F.	Maintenance Wkr.	1 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Wilson, Isaac S.	Plumb'g, Sht. Metal	Pleasant St.	Dighton

Annual Report of Dighton Assessors

We herewith submit to the citizens of Dighton our Annual Report for the year 1947:

Appropriations

Town Appropriations	\$188,964.35
State Tax	2,750.00
State Parks	195.16
State Audit	495.88
County Tax	8,511.97
Tuberculosis Hospital	7,720.96
Overlay Account	3,061.46
Under Estimates	259.02

\$211,958.80

Estimated Receipts

Income Tax	\$12,667.11
Corporation Tax	24,216.00
Gasoline Tax	4,442.17
Motor Vehicle	5,000.00
Licenses	3,000.00
Fines	105.00
Health and Sanitation	1,000.00
Charities	1,450.00
Old Age Assistance	11,258.00
Meals Tax	750.00
Schools	18,500.00
Libraries	45.00
Sealer of Weights	35.00
Interest on Taxes	180.00

Aid to Dependent Children	200.00	
Additional Corporation Tax	1,697.27	
Additional Income Tax	4,697.54	
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	\$89,243.09	
From Available Funds	5,851.00	
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		\$95,094.09
Total Appropriations	\$211,958.80	
Total Estimated Receipts	95,094.09	
Total to be Raised	116,864.71	
Value of Personal Estate	\$303,880.00	
Tax	\$10,635.80	
Value of Real Estate	2,979,626.00	
Tax	104,286.91	
Number of Polls	971	
Tax	1,942.00	
Tax Rate	35.00	

Valuations

Land	\$581,095.00	
Buildings	2,398,531.00	
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		\$2,979,626.00

Value of Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	\$19,450.00	
Machinery	10,325.00	
Live Stock	86,705.00	
Other Personal	187,400.00	
Motor Vehicles	248,100.00	
Tax	\$7,717.71	
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		\$551,980.00

Live Stock

Number of Horses	110
Number of Neat Cattle	405
Number of Bulls	32
Number of Swine	29
Number of Fowl	19,830
Number of Turkeys	13
Number of Acres of Land	12,767
Number of Dwellings	689

Electric Light Distirct

Value of Real Estate	\$818,825.00
Tax	\$2,047.08
Value of Per- sonal Estate	196,885.00
Tax	492.26
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	\$2,539.34 \$1,015,710.00
Number Assessed	220
Rate	\$2.50 Per M.

North Dighton Fire District

Value of Real Estate	\$1,079,031.00
Tax	\$2,158.06
Value of Per- sonal Property	23,625.00
Tax	47.25
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	\$2,205.31 \$1,102,656.00
Number Assessed	62
Rate	\$2.00 Per M.

Exempted Property

Dighton Schools	\$215,900.00
Bristol County Agri- cultural School	282,610.00
Libraries	19,000.00

Fire Department	15,000.00
Police Department	5,000.00
Cemeteries	1,050.00
Sealer of Weights	50.00
Charitable Institutions	4,850.00
Water Companies	31,000.00
Churches and Parsonages	127,200.00
Highway Department	2,000.00
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	\$703,660.00

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER HAMPTON

ARTHUR F. SPRAGUE

RAYMOND A. HORTON

Board of Assessors.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1947:

I have tested, adjusted, sealed and condemned the following:

48 Scales—29 adjusted

60 Weights—3 adjusted

17 Liquid Measures—4 condemned

32 Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices—6 adjusted.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY

Sealer of Weights

and Measures.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

POLL TAXES

Balance 1946 Polls—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$20.00	
Collected Interest & Fees	.78	\$20.78

Credit

Paid Town Treasurer	\$10.78	
Abatements	10.00	\$20.78

Warrant 1947 Polls	\$1,942.00	
Collected Fees	33.60	\$1,975.60

Credit

Paid Town Treasurer	\$1,293.60	
Abatements	682.00	\$1,975.60

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Balance 1946 Excise—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$304.42	
Add. Warrant (Jan. 4, 1947)	86.62	
Collected Interest	.87	\$391.91

Credit

Paid Town Treasurer	\$364.36	
Abatements	27.55	\$391.91

Warrant 1947 Excise	\$7,881.85	
Collected Interest	4.51	\$7,886.36

	Credit	
Paid Town Treasurer	\$7,128.54	
Abatements	277.52	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	480.30	\$7,886.36

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Balance 1946 Personal Property—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$678.49	
Collected Interest	14.43	\$692.92

	Credit	
Paid Town Treasurer	\$689.11	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	3.81	\$692.92
Warrant 1947 Personal		
Property	\$10,634.42	
Collected Interest	1.82	\$10,636.24

	Credit	
Paid Town Treasurer	\$9,802.48	
Abatements	42.88	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	790.88	\$10,636.24

REAL ESTATE

Balance 1945 Real Estate—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$1,125.44	
Collected Interest	61.85	\$1,187.29

	Credit	
Paid Town Treasurer	\$1,179.31	
Abatements	7.98	\$1,187.29
Balance 1946 Real Estate—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$5,312.35	
Collected Interest	92.92	\$5,405.27

Credit

Paid Town Treasurer	\$4,495.07	
Abatements	6.86	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	903.34	\$5,405.27

Warrants 1947 Real Estate	\$104,448.46	
Collected Interest	10.98	\$104,459.44

Credit

Paid Town Treasurer	\$97,676.37	
Abatements	438.57	
Tax Titles	62.13	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	6,282.37	\$104,459.44

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS

Collector of Taxes.

Dighton Electric Light District Taxes

Balance 1945 Personal—

Dec. 31, 1946	\$.98	
Collected Interest	.10	\$1.08

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$1.08	\$1.08
Balance 1945 Real Estate—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$15.47	
Collected Interest	1.00	\$16.47

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$16.47	\$16.47
Balance 1946 Personal—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$12.45	
Collected Interest	.10	\$12.55

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$5.72	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	6.83	\$12.55

Balance 1946 Real Estate—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$187.40	
Collected Interest	1.56	\$188.96

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$104.39	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	84.57	\$188.96

Warrant 1947 Real Estate	\$2,047.08	
Collected Interest	.20	\$2,047.28

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$1,820.91	
Tax Title Account	.75	
Abatements	11.00	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	214.62	\$2,047.28

Warrant 1947 Personal Property	\$492.26	
Collected Interest	.02	\$492.28

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$464.07	
Abatements	4.25	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	23.96	\$492.28

Respectfully submitted,
 PERCY B. SIMMONS
 Tax Collector.

North Dighton Fire District

Balance 1946 Real Estate—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$42.21	
Collected Interest	.96	543.17

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$43.17	\$43.17
Balance 1946 Personal—		
Dec. 31, 1946	\$2.10	
Collected Interest	.05	\$2.15

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$2.15	\$2.15
Warrant 1947 Real Estate	\$2,158.06	
Collected Interest	.04	\$2,158.10

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$2,123.37	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	34.73	\$2,158.10
Warrant 1947 Personal	\$47.25	\$47.25

Credit

Paid Treasurer	\$44.85	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1947	2.40	\$47.25

Respectfully submitted,
 PERCY B. SIMMONS
 Collector of Taxes.

Report of Cemetery Fund

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit Jan. 1, 1947	Interest Rec'd	Paid for Care
Sarah Babbitt	\$100.00	\$199.16	\$3.90	\$6.00
Briggs Lot	125.00	253.85	3.81	3.75
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	120.94	1.81	3.00
George E. Francis	100.00	149.95	2.25	2.25
Joseph Gooding	142.75	174.50	2.62	5.00
Truman N. Goff	100.00	130.01	2.61	2.50
George H. Horton	100.00	188.06	3.77	6.00
Nelson Horton	100.00	156.27	3.13	3.00
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	197.49	3.96	9.00
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	157.90	2.37	6.00
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	189.43	1.89	3.00
Martha L. Smith	50.00	51.07	.50	1.00
Nathan Walker	100.00	132.41	1.99	3.00
William Walker	250.00	313.51	4.71	8.00
Williams Lot	100.00	188.70	2.84	6.00
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	119.71	2.50	2.50
Benjamin F. Goff	100.00	129.92	2.60	2.50
Davis W. Francis	100.00	123.95	1.85	1.80
N. Allen Walker	150.98	314.59	4.73	10.20
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	728.05	10.96	12.50
Francis J. Wheeler	100.00	116.74	1.75	1.75
William D. Goff	100.00	111.84	1.67	3.00
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	113.52	1.71	1.75
Joseph G. Thaxter	100.00	117.56	2.35	6.00
Submit Babbitt	50.00	51.82	.77	1.00
Ebenezer Gay	50.00	52.50	.78	2.00

Emerson W. Goff	100.00	117.07	1.76	1.75
Westcott & McNally	200.00	210.46	2.10	2.10
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	100.02	1.00	1.00
Wendell Weed	100.00	103.97	1.55	3.00
Emeline Williams	100.00	116.67	1.75	6.00
Zenas H. Goff	150.00	174.68	2.62	2.60
Job Paull	100.00	113.42	1.71	
Albert F. Goff	50.00	50.06	.50	.50
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	231.98	4.65	6.00
John H. Horton	100.00	103.60	1.55	1.55
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	102.11	2.07	2.00
John H. Harlow	100.00	102.79	2.01	2.00
Ephira Goff	100.00	102.51	2.05	2.00
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	82.18	1.65	
Westcoat Lot	200.00	201.25	4.04	4.00
Joshua Bliss	5,000.00	5,033.87	101.17	100.00
Arthur A. Hathaway	200.00	209.93	4.21	2.50
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	212.53	4.26	
Gilbert Strange	200.00	204.40	4.10	6.00
Charles E. Carr	500.00	507.05	10.09	8.00
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	155.57	3.12	2.50
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	101.89	2.03	3.00
Emery White	100.00	100.17	2.01	

Dighton Public Library Report

To the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, I herewith submit my report for the year 1947.

Total circulation of books and magazines		16,465
Adult books	7,246	
Juvenile books	8,445	
Magazines	774	
Number of persons using the reading room		718
Number of books repaired		323
Collected in fines		\$36.56

During the year, three hundred five books were added, twenty of which were gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA CHAMBERLAIN

Librarian.

Report of the Board of Health

The appropriation of \$5,336.24 for Health was sufficient. Expenditures were \$4,548.97 thus leaving an unexpended balance of \$787.27. This was primarily due to the smaller number of citizens committed to the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital. The Town's share of maintenance of this institution was however \$7,720.-96, an increase of \$1,544.19 over the 1946 assessment.

The Town owned ambulance has again been driven and serviced by volunteers of the Dighton Firemen's Association. Within the year 25 trips were made and 25 patients transported.

To the Firemen we again express our appreciations for their continued cooperation and conscientious services.

The other functions of the department have proceeded in the normal manner and we trust, to the satisfaction of the citizens of the Town.

We express our appreciation to Mrs. Esther Bowden for her continued co-operation and efficiency in matters of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD

JOHN BOLGER

GEORGE V. TINKHAM

Board of Health.

Report of Dighton Ambulance

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

During the year the ambulance made 25 trips and handled 25 patients.

The listing of the patients is as follows:

Cases of illness	24
Victims of automobile accidents	1

The listing of trips is as follows:

To Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston	1
To Morton Hospital, Taunton	9
To Mount Hope Hospital, North Dighton	1
To Linnell Home from Somerset Centre	1
To Weichel's Home	1
To Union Hospital, Fall River	1
To New England Baptist Hospital, Boston	1
To Truesdale Hospital, Fall River	1
To State Hospital, Pondville	1
To St. Luke's Hospital, Middleboro	1
From Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston	1
From Morton Hospital, Taunton	6

As in other years the ambulance has been manned by members of the Fire Department who have donated their services.

Respectfully submitted,

WENDELL B. CAREY

Chief of Dighton
Fire Department.

Report of Community Nurse

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report for the year 1947:

My work for 1947 was carried on as in previous years. I made about 1,083 home calls, giving more bedside care and treatments.

No new cases of Tuberculosis were reported. Patients were taken to various clinics and hospitals for check-ups and treatments, the Town Ambulance being used many times.

The Toxoid Clinic held in April was again well attended. Parents realize the value of these services offered as about 75% of the elementary school pupils were given a "booster" dose of toxoid. The Pre-school Clinic was held in June.

I attended Health Conferences in Boston, New Bedford and Taunton, and other meetings pertaining to my work.

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the Town organizations for their contributions at Thanksgiving and Christmas and for donations at other times. I also express my appreciation to the Town Officials for their continued help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R.N.

Report of Superintendent of Streets

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Superintendent of Streets.

General Account

Various streets, brush and tree work:

Labor and Truck	\$1,347.37
Snow Plowing, Sanding and Sand	1,450.40
Labor on Snow Plow	83.62
Grading on Town Dump	54.00
Work on Brook Street Bridge	225.60
Iron Rail for Brook Street Bridge	41.96
Material	80.41
Lights	36.00
Tree Warden	35.00
Superintendent of Streets	240.00
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	\$3,594.36

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Hart Street, drainage	\$1,500.00
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Chapter 81:

Elm Street, scraping, drainage, patching and tarring	\$886.84
Forest Street, grading, brush and tarring	311.43
Brook Street, grading, gravelling, exca- vating, drainage and tarring	2,871.46
Hart Street, scraping, gravelling, drainage and brush	191.82

Somerset Avenue, drainage, tarring and cleaning shoulders	441.10
Smith Street, scraping, gravelling, brush and excavating	980.10
Tremont Street, scraping, grading, gravel-ling, brush, tarring and moving stone wall	2,823.85
Williams Street, scraping, gravelling, drainage, brush ,patching and tarring	2,119.35
Walker Street, cleaning shoulders, tarring and building a curb	354.50
Horton Street, scraping, gravelling, drainage and brush	483.80
Lincoln Avenue, scraping, patching and tarring	692.54
Middle Street, scraping, grading and tarring	144.47
Main Street, scraping and patching	195.60
Pine Street, scraping and gravelling	140.60
School Lane, scraping and gravelling	348.02
School Street, drainage, tarring and cleaning out catch basins	504.15
Summer Street, tarring	135.78
Wheeler Street, scraping and brush	98.15
Wellington Street, scraping, tarring, brush and cleaning shoulders	329.07
Cedar Street, scraping, gravelling, drain-age and brush	284.60
Centre Street, scraping, brush, patching and tarring	816.24
Various Streets, scraping, patching, brush, drainage and cleaning out catch basins	1,497.93

Cleaning off new gravel bank 598.60

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the Board for their continued interest and cooperation in the Highway Work. It has been a pleasure to serve the Town as Superintendent of Streets.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY, P. GOFF,
Superintendent of Streets.

Report of Gypsy Moth Superintendent

To the Board of Selectmen:

Trees have been painted on the streets of Dighton where moth nests were found as ordered by the Board of Selectmen under State supervision at the cost of \$164.75.

The spraying was done by the Hixon Tree Company at the cost of \$570.00

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE W. ROSE
Gypsy Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen,
Dighton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1947:

Record of Arrests:

Assault and Battery	5
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	4
Larceny	1
Larceny of Automobile	2
Malicious Mischief	1
Violation of Town By-Law	1
Disturbing the Peace	3
Operating Motor Vehicle	
Negligently	3
Operating Motor Vehicle,	
Under Influence of Liquor	2
Drunkenness	14
Lewd and Lascivious Cohabitation	2
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	3
Neglect to Provide	3
Non Payment of Wages	1
Polygamy	1
Setting Fire Without Permit	2
Conspiracy to Register Bets	2
Fugitive from Justice	1

Arrests for other Towns and Cities	26
Commitments to State Hospital	4
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Total	81
Reports sent to Registry of Motor Vehicles	74
Complaints and Reports Received, Investigated or Otherwise Acted Upon	835
Street Lights Reported Out	122
Store Doors Found Unlocked	4
Abandoned Automobiles Found and Owners Notified	3

In the interest of law enforcement and in maintaining valuable contacts with other police departments, I attended 18 meetings and conferences with officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Police Associations and City Police Departments.

I wish to thank all of the Town Officials and Agencies of our Town for their co-operation in our efforts to maintain order in our community and I wish all of our citizens to know that their co-operation is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. SYNAN

Chief of Police.

Report of North Dighton Fire Department for 1947

To the Board of Selectmen,
Dighton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of the North Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1947:

Woods, Brush, Grass, etc.	26
Dump and Rubbish Fires	6
Hay Stack	1
Oil Burner	1
Dwelling House	1
Small Buildings	2
Garages	2
Saw Mill	2
Chimney Fires	2
Automobiles	2
Industrial Fires	5
Out of Town Calls	3
Needless Alarms	3
False Alarms	1

Total	57
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Our department and equipment are now housed in a modern fire station and all apparatus is in excellent condition. The members of the department are most grateful to the management of The Mount Hope Finishing Company for the furnishing of the building and for the help and co-operation given us.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. SYNAN

Chief of North Dighton
Fire Department.

Report of Dighton Fire Department

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

During the year ending Dec. 31, 1947 the Fire Department answered the following number of calls:

Type	Number	Damage
Chimney	7	None
Building	5	\$37,850
Brush	20	None
Grass	12	None
Dump	3	None
Oil Burner	1	None
Automobile	4	\$975
Number of times called to		
North Dighton		6
Number of times called out-of-town		1

The Department fought three major fires this year. Two of these were during very bad weather, and this was, of course, very hard on the firemen.

On the other hand the weather helped much in keeping down the property loss.

The rain storm on the day of Gorden's garage fire had been preceded by a very dry windy spell and if the fire had happened during that time we feel sure that many buildings in the Somerset Avenue section would have caught fire. With our limited water supply we would have been powerless to do anything about it.

The same thing was true of Sprague's mill fire which happened during a howling blizzard. The strong north wind was carrying large sparks and pieces of burning wood nearly half a mile and these surely would have started other fires had we not had the snow to kill the sparks and flying embers.

During the summer, practice and training sessions, a large number of which were carried out under the direction of Assistant Chief Donald Hathaway, were held as often as twice a week.

We had to cancel our Fall program because of the long dry spell. We did not dare tie up apparatus for practice sessions.

Through the efforts of one of the officers of the department foam and foam applying equipment has been added this year without cost to the town.

Foam is used in fighting gasoline fires or any type fire on which a smothering agent is needed.

We of the Department all feel that because of the many bad fires we have had to fight, under all sorts of conditions, we have been most fortunate to have come through the year without any injuries to any of the members.

Respectfully yours,

WENDELL B. CAREY

Chief of Dighton
Fire Department.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury, January 1, 1947	\$117,057.13
Total Receipts during the year	279,205.14
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	\$396,262.27
Selectmen's Warrants paid during the year	\$275,713.24
Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1947	120,549.03
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	\$396,262.27

For Classification of Receipts and Expenditures,
see Auditor's Report.

Respectfully, submitted,

DWIGHT F. LANE

Treasurer.

Report of Tree Warden

To the Board of Selectmen:

Herewith is my report as Tree Warden for the year
1947:

I have made inspections in conjunction with the
Fall River Electric Light Company, Hixon Tree Company
and the Telephone Company.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF

Tree Warden.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

Herewith is a report of the financial transactions of the Town for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1947.

Classification of Treasurer's Receipts for 1947

Cash balance January 1, 1947	\$117,057.13
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Received from Tax
Collector:

1945 Real Estate

Taxes	\$1,117.46
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1946 Real Estate

Taxes	4,402.15
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1947 Real Estate

Taxes	97,665.39
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1946 Personal

Taxes	674.68
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1947 Personal

Taxes	9,800.66
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1946 Poll Taxes	10.00
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1947 Poll Taxes	1,260.00
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1946 Motor

Vehicle Taxes	363.49
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1947 Motor

Vehicle Taxes	7,124.03
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Interest on Taxes:

Real Estate	165.89	
Personal	16.25	
Motor Vehicles	5.24	
Polls	.08	
	<hr/>	187.46

Fees on Taxes: 34.30

Total Collector's Receipts 122,639.62
Commonwealth of

Massachusetts:

Corporation		
Taxes	25,867.23	
Incomes Taxes	20,866.94	
Meals Tax	860.32	
Vocational		
Education	3,686.28	
Public Health		
Subsidies	742.86	
Gasoline Tax	4,442.17	
Veterans' Aid	25.00	
Transportation,		
State Wards	15.15	
	<hr/>	56,505.95

Departmental Receipts
and Refunds:

Nurse's Receipts	93.00
Library Receipts	44.72
Sealer's Receipts	30.67
School Dept.	
Miscellaneous	162.06

School Dental Fund	487.00		
Welfare Dept.	788.90		
General Government	85.00		
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			1,691.35
Cemetery P. C. Funds			
Income:			
Withdrawal for			
Care	\$269.00		
Chase Fund Income	20.10		
County of Bristol			
Dog Fund	582.39		
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			\$871.49
Departmental Revenue:			
Aid to Dependent			
Children:			
From State		502.28	
Old Age Assistance:			
From State	\$11,175.27		
From Cities	167.07		
Other Towns	108.17		
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		11,450.51	
Public Welfare			
Department:			
From State	345.25		
From Cities	169.18		
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		514.43	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		4.50	
Street Department		12.00	
General Government		15.75	
Fire Department		21.00	
School Department:			
Tuition From			
Various Towns	15,982.82		
Other Tuition	321.99		
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		16,304.81	28,825.28

Aid to Highway Revenue:

From State,	
Chapter 81	3,140.20
From State,	
Chapter 90	500.00
From County,	
Chapter 90	500.00
From State,	
Chapter 90	
Construction	10,275.41
From County,	
Chapter 90	
Construction	5,475.82

19,891.43

Grants and Gifts:

Police Dept.	15,519.40
Fire Department	672.00
Taunton Greyhound	
Ass'n Christmas	
Donation	510.00

16,701.40

Licenses:

Alcohol	1.00
Automobile Dealers	10.00
Milk	8.00
Junk	10.00
Liquor	1,853.18
Lord's Day	57.00
Cabin	1.00
Sausage	10.00
Common Victualler's	45.00
Auctioneers	2.00
Dance Permits	6.00
Advertising Costs	7.97

\$2,011.15

Town Clerk:		
Dog Licenses	762.60	
Court Fines	245.60	
Sale of Town Car	650.00	
Land Court Fee Returned	4.00	
Dighton Electric Light District		
Adjustment	2.50	
Tax Title Redemption Fees	5.00	
Tax Title Redemption	23.57	
Tax Possession Sale	1,500.00	
Federal Withholding Tax	13,309.59	
Bristol County Retirement Fund	309.96	
U. S. Grants:		
Aid to Dependent		
Children	704.01	
Aid to Dependent		
Children Ad-		
ministration	51.78	
Old Age Assist-		
ance	11,780.13	
Old Age Assist-		
ance Adminis-		
tration	618.73	
Geo. Barden Fund	100.00	
	<hr/>	13,254.65
		<hr/> \$396,262.27

Expenditures for 1947

Departmental:	
General Government—	
Selectmen's Department:	
Salaries	\$1,762.13
Printing and	
Postage	45.46

Travel and Expenses	23.73	
Association Dues	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,837.32
Auditing Department:		
Salary	500.04	
Office Supplies	20.10	
	<hr/>	520.14
Treasury Department:		
Salary	850.08	
Printing, Station- ery, Postage	65.00	
Association Dues	1.00	
	<hr/>	916.08
Collector's Department:		
Salary	1,050.00	
Printing, Station- ery, Postage	285.89	
Surety Bond	110.25	
Deputy Collec- tor's Bond	5.00	
Association Dues	1.00	
Office Rental	75.00	
Deputy Collector's Fees	11.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	24.00	
	<hr/>	1,562.14
Assessor's Department:		
Salaries of Assessors	1,799.88	
Salary of Clerk	602.01	
Transportation	99.25	

Printing, Station-		
ery, Postage	113.94	
New Office Lights	48.50	
Association Dues	6.00	
Miscellaneous		
Expense	12.70	
	<hr/>	2,682.28

Town Clerk's Department:

Salary	433.22	
Surety Bond, Ass't.		
Town Clerk	9.70	
Printing, Station-		
ery, Postage	88.13	
Recording Fees	3.55	
Association Dues	3.00	
	<hr/>	537.60

Election Department:

Registrars	530.00	
Election Officers	72.00	
	<hr/>	602.00

Town Office Department:

Insurance on Pub-		
lic Property	3,750.99	
Telephone	44.21	
Printing, Station-		
ery, Postage	127.37	
	<hr/>	3,922.57

Other General Government:

Printing Town		
Reports and		
Tax Lists	489.60	
Advertising Costs	27.26	
Salary Moderator	20.00	

Check Valve—	
Water Dept.	187.75
Hydrant Connection—Water	
Dept.	12.50
Legal Fees	225.10
Two Typewriters	261.64
Miscellaneous	
Expense	19.55
Tree Warden,	
Salary	35.00

1,278.40

Total General Government

\$13,858.53

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department:

Salary of Chief	499.92
Wages of	
Officers	371.00
Mileage	300.00
Telephone	87.20
Postage	9.95
Dog License	
Notices	39.79
Supplies	8.50
Miscellaneous	
Expenses	44.19

1,360.55

Police Department Special:

Wages 15,519.40

Fire Department:

Wages	1,294.75
Janitor	110.00
Supplies	123.95
Repairs	444.49

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Hose	1,049.18	
Gasoline	120.23	
Fuel	44.30	
Light	12.00	
Rent	182.50	
Repairs, Fire		
House	18.65	
Telephone	123.94	
Association Dues	3.00	
Miscellaneous		
Expense	19.00	
	<hr/>	3,545.99

Purchase of Land and Buildings,	
South Dighton	
Fire Department	2,500.00

Fire Department Special:	
Wages	672.00

Gypsy Moth Department:	
Wages	148.50
Materials	16.25
Spraying Cost	570.00
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	734.75

Total Protection of Persons and	
Property	\$24,332.69

Health and Sanitation:

Mosquito Control:

State Reclamation Board	\$125.00
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Board of Health Department:

Administration

Salaries	\$399.84
Nurses' Salary	1,206.24
Telephone	44.80
Ambulance, Repairs	
and Supplies	111.64

Hospital Care	73.50
Medicine and Medi- cal Attention	17.67
Clothing	31.18

Tuberculosis:

Board and Treatment	972.00
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Vital Statistics:

Births	185.25
Deaths	43.00
Marriages	41.00
Affidavits	11.00
Inspector of Milk	249.96
Inspector of Ani- mals (2 yrs.)	350.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures (2 yrs.)	200.00
Water Delivery	556.45
Playground Rental	35.00
Association Dues and Magazine	7.00
Miscellaneous Expense	13.44

4,548.97

Total Health and Sanitation	4,673.97
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Highways and Bridges:

Superintendent Salary	240.00
Wages	1,474.37
Truck and Bull- dozer Hire	40.00
Stone, Gravel, etc.	295.01

Equipment and		
Repairs	145.98	
Tree Warden 1946	35.00	
Snow and Ice		
Removal	1,328.00	
Traffic Lamps	36.00	
	<hr/>	3,594.36

Dighton-Berkley Bridge:		
Wages	840.00	
Electric Power	12.00	
	<hr/>	852.00

Street Department—Chapter 81:		
Wages	5,202.67	
Materials	5,189.83	
Truck, Roller,		
Tractor, etc.,		
Hire	6,857.50	
	<hr/>	17,250.00

Street Department—Chapter 90:		
Wages	551.46	
Truck and Ma-		
chinery Hire	327.50	
Materials	621.04	
	<hr/>	1,500.00

Street Department—Chapter 90:		
Construction:		
Paid to Con-		
tractor	23,040.90	
Materials	179.02	
Advertising Cost		
for Bids	20.08	
	<hr/>	23,240.00

Land Taking on Williams St.:

Legal Fees 57.66

Other Costs 10.00

67.66

Total Streets and Bridges

\$46,504.02

Charities and Soldiers Benefits:

Old Age Assistance:

Direct Aid \$27,729.49

Outside Relief 215.70

\$27,945.19

Old Age Administration:

Wages 255.00

Aid to Dependent Children:

Direct Aid 1,296.70

Soldiers' Relief:

Aid 962.70

Medical Attention 8.25

970.95

General Relief Administration:

Administration

Salaries 399.96

Social Worker 765.00

Clerk 1,172.14

Stationery and

Postage 122.61

Telephone 118.61

Mileage 14.28

2,592.60

Taunton Greyhound Association:

Christmas Donation 510.00

Public Welfare Department:

Groceries and

Provisions 62.46

Board and Care 644.53

Medicine and Medical At- tendance	56.20
Rent	24.00
Office Supplies	8.07
Association Dues	5.00
Child Guardian- ship	425.00
Cash Payments	1,488.28
Clothing	38.94

Outside Relief:

Various Cities	864.63
Various Towns	25.41

 3,642.52

Total Charities and Soldiers' Benefits \$37,212.96

Schools and Libraries:

School Department:

For Classification, See School Report	\$108,713.90
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School Water Supply:

Power	\$215.70
Services	684.95
Supplies	34.74
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	935.39

U. S. Grants:

George Deen Funds:	
Salaries	40.00

Public Library:

Salary—	
Librarian	450.00

Salary—

Librarian	
Assistant	28.50
Janitor Service	180.00
Books and	
Periodicals	435.83
Fuel	77.58
Light	20.95
Building Repairs	176.20
Janitor's Supplies	3.19
Stationery	19.10
Water	6.00
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	1,397.35

Library Oil Burner Acct.:

Cost of Oil Burner	290.00
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Total, Schools and Libraries	111,376.64
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Miscellaneous and Unclassified:

Gravel Bank Purchase	500.00
Town Cemetery Account:	
Wages	36.80

Memorial Day Observance:

Flowers	60.00
Flags	11.70
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	71.70

Land Purchase and Legal Costs

for New South School:

Surveying	18.00
Dighton Electric Light	

District:

Tax Possession Sale	29.72
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Total Miscellaneous	656.22
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Interest and Maturing Debt:

Interest:

High School Bonds	600.00	
High School Notes	140.63	
	<hr/>	740.63

Bond and Note Payments:

High School Bonds	4,000.00	
High School Notes	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	6,500.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt 7,240.63

Tax Title Redemption Costs:

Fees and Costs 103.68

Agency, Trust and Refunds:

State:

State Taxes	2,750.00	
State Parks	142.51	
Auditing Accounts	495.88	
	<hr/>	3,388.39

County:

County Tax	7,184.27	
T.B. Hospital Assessment	4,773.88	
Dog Licenses	762.60	
	<hr/>	12,720.75

Federal Taxes:

Withheld from Wages	12,990.13
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Bristol Co. Retirement Fund:

Withheld from Wages	232.09
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Trust Funds:

Cemetery P.C.

Funds	274.00
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Hon. Chas. S.

Chase Fund	20.10
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 294.10

Refunds:

Poll Tax	2.00
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Real Estate Tax	96.25
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Motor Vehicle

Excise Tax	27.69
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Dighton Elec. Light

Dist. Tax	2.50
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 128.44

Total, Agency Trust and Refunds	29,753.90
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Total Expenditures	275,713.24
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Cash Balance, December 31, 1947	120,549.03
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 \$396,262.27
Departmental Statement

General Government:

Appropriation	\$12,436.90
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Transfer from

School Dept.	105.00
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Reserve Account	1,400.00
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Total	13,941.90
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Expenditures	13,858.53
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Balance	\$83.37
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Police Department:

Appropriation	1,350.00
Reserve Account	10.55

Total	1,360.55
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Expenditures	1,360.55
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Balance	None
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Fire Department:

Appropriation	2,997.50
Reserve Account	548.49

Total	3,545.99
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Expenditures	3,545.99
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Balance	None
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New Fire Truck Account:

Appropriation	100.00
Expenditures	None

Balance	100.00
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Gypsy Moths:

Appropriation	750.00
Expenditures	734.75

Balance	15.25
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Board of Health:

Appropriation	5,336.24
Expenditures	4,548.97

Balance	787.27
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Mosquito Control:

Appropriation	125.00
Expenditures	125.00

Balance	None
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Street Department:

Appropriation	3,100.00
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Reserve Account	500.00	
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Total	3,600.00	
Expenditures	3,594.36	
Balance	<hr/>	5.64
Street Dept.—Chapter 81:		
Appropriation	6,900.00	
Due from State	10,350.00	
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Total	17,250.00	
Expenditures	17,250.00	
Balance	<hr/>	None
Street Dept.—Chapter 90:		
Appropriation	500.00	
Due from County	500.00	
Due from State	500.00	
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Total	1,500.00	
Expenditures	1,500.00	
Balance	<hr/>	None
Dighton-Berkley Bridge:		
Appropriation	900.00	
Expenditures	852.00	
Balance	<hr/>	48.00
Land Taking—Williams Street:		
Appropriation	200.00	
Expenditures	67.66	
Balance	<hr/>	132.34
Welfare Department:		
Appropriation	5,000.00	
Expenditures	3,642.52	
Balance	<hr/>	1,357.48

Aid to Dependent Children:

Appropriation	1,000.00	
U. S. Grant	803.33	
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Total	1,803.33	
Expenditures	1,296.70	
Balance in- cluding U.S. Grant	<hr/>	(506.63)
Balance, Town Ap- propriation		330.90

Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation	16,000.00	
Reserve Account	165.06	
U. S. Grant	11,780.13	
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Total	27,945.19	
Expenditures	27,945.19	
Balance	<hr/>	None

Soldiers' Relief:

Appropriation	700.00	
Reserve Account	400.00	
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Total	1,100.00	
Expenditures	970.95	
Balance	<hr/>	129.05

General Relief Administration:

Appropriation	2,734.68	
Expenditures	2,592.60	
Balance	<hr/>	142.08

World War 2:

Appropriation	100.00	
Expenditures	None	
Balance	<u> </u>	100.00

School Department:

Appropriation	108,242.40	
Dog Fund	582.39	
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Total	108,824.79	
Expenditures	108,818.90	
Balance	<u> </u>	5.89

School Water Supply:

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures	935.39	
Balance	<u> </u>	64.61

Public Library:

Appropriation	1,400.00	
Expenditures	1,397.35	
Balance	<u> </u>	2.65

Library Oil Burner Account:

Appropriation	350.00	
Expenditures	290.00	
Balance	<u> </u>	60.00

Fees and Costs, Tax

Title Redemptions:

Appropriation	200.00	
Expenditures	103.68	
Balance	<u> </u>	96.32

Memorial Day:

Appropriation	100.00	
Expenditures	71.70	
Balance	<u> </u>	28.30

Land Purchase, Fire

House Construction:

Appropriation	1.00	
Expenditures	None	
Balance	_____	1.00

Gravel Bank Purchase:

Appropriation	500.00	
Expenditures	500.00	
Balance	_____	None

Purchase of Land and
Buildings for South

Dighton Fire Department:

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Expenditures	2,500.00	
Balance	_____	None

Interest—H. S. Bonds
and Notes:

Appropriation	740.63	
Expenditures	740.63	
Balance	_____	None

H. S. Bond Retirement:

Appropriation	4,000.00	
Expenditures	4,000.00	
Balance	_____	None

H. S. Notes—Payment:

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Expenditures	2,500.00	
Balance	_____	None

Reserve Account:

Appropriation	5,000.00	
To General Govt.	1,400.00	

To Street Dept.	500.00	
To Fire Dept.	548.49	
To Old Age Assistance	165.06	
To Police Dept.	10.55	
To Soldiers' Relief	400.00	
Balance	<u> </u>	1,975.90
Total Appropriation Balances	<u> </u>	5,466.05
Revenue Receipts over the Assessor's Estimate		8,560.57
To Surplus Revenue Account		<u> </u>
for the Year 1947		14,026.62

I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the reports contained herein are correct. All payments to the Treasurer have been properly warranted, and all receipts have been recorded. The Tax Collector's report as published is correct. Abatements have been examined and were found to be in accordance with those granted by the Board of Assessors. The Tax Titles taken by the Collector are in order. Cash and Securities of the Trust Funds have been verified, all income accounted for, and all payments warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. HATHAWAY
Auditor.

TOWN OF DIGHTON BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1947

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash			
Accounts Receivable:			
1946 Real Estate Taxes	\$903.34	State Taxes and Assessments	\$52.65
1946 Personal Taxes	3.81	County Taxes	4,274.78
1947 Real Estate Taxes	6,282.37	U. S. Grants:	
1947 Personal Taxes	790.88	A.D.C. Administration	\$131.24
		Old Age Administration	494.86
		Aid to Dependent Children	175.73
		George Deen Funds	2.04
		George Barden Funds	100.00
1947 Motor Vehicle Taxes			903.87
Tax Possessions			
Tax Titles			875.32
Departmental:			
Public Welfare	60.00	Chapter 90—Construction	1,754.75
Old Age Assistance	437.77	High School Construction	17.00
Aid to Dependent Children	111.47	Chapter 44—Sec. 20	1,156.16
School Department	6,308.47	Town Cemetery Account	333.05
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	3.60	Tax Possession Revenue	2,440.86
Fire Department	37.50	Sale of Real Estate Fund	
		Witherell Bequest Fund	
		Remodel and Repair Fire House	
		and Install Equipment	9,500.00
		Land Purchase for New Elementary School	3,382.00

Highway Revenue	11,350.00	Expenses of New Elementary	
Cemetery P. C. Fund	12.30	School Planning Committee	300.00
1948 Revenue	300.00	Withholding Tax—December, 1947	1,253.10
		County Retirement Fund—	
		December, 1947	77.87
		Reserves:	
		Overlay, Reserved for Abate-	
		ment of Taxes:	
		Levy of 1946	605.96
		Levy of 1947	1,801.76
			<u>2,407.72</u>
		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	16,204.41
		Revenue Reserved until Collected	
		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	
		Revenue	469.89
		Tax Title Revenue	421.98
		Departmental	6,958.81
			<u>7,850.68</u>
		Excess and Deficiency:	
		Surplus Revenue	96,414.35
			<u>96,414.35</u>
			\$149,198.57
			<u>\$149,198.57</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	\$30,000.00	High School Construction Bonds	\$20,000.00
		High School Addition Notes	10,000.00
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	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$13,989.49	Cemetery P. C. Funds	\$7,944.45
		Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	5,035.04
		Hon. Charles S. Chase Fund	1,010.00
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	\$13,989.49		\$13,989.49

JURORS DRAWN DURING 1947

January 8—

Victor Repoza, School Lane, Mill Worker
Joseph Corey, Sr., Tremont St., Textile Worker
Lester Ball, Main St., Bank Teller

February 5—

Elliot W. Hathaway, Centre St., Farmer

February 18—

Jule A. Ludovicz, Wellington St., Sheet Metal
Worker

March 10—

E. Austin Wheeler, Walker St., Steam Fitter

April 2—

Paul S. Horton, Williams St., Carpenter

April 9—

Ernest H. Atwood, Somerset Ave., Millwright

May 7—

John P. Pacheco, Middle St., Truck Driver

August 6—

Richard DeMello, Elm St., Electrician
Edward O'Connell, Summer St., Truck Foreman

October 9—

Burton F. Simmons, Main St., Watchman

November 6—

Russell M. Conn, Summer St., Textile Machine
Operator

December 11—

Randall W. Hopkins, Somerset Ave., Nursery Man
Harry F. Willis, Forest St., Maintenance Man

December 18—

Harold M. Mendoza, Main St., Mill Operator

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The Welfare Appropriations for the year 1947 was \$5,000 and expenditures amounted to \$3,642.52, leaving a balance of \$1,357.48. Expenditures were \$326.71 greater than 1946, which was due to increase in persons aided. During the year, 7 cases, representing 12 persons participated in Temporary Aid, and in addition, out-of-town residents, whose legal settlement is in this town, for whom Dighton is financially responsible.

Old Age Assistance granted aid to 55 cases. The Town Appropriation was \$16,000 plus \$165.06 transferred from Reserve Account, and U. S. Grants in the amount of \$11,780.13, making total available funds in the amount of \$27,945.19. There was no balance in this account. Total expenditures were \$1,736.69 in excess of 1946. Although there has been only a slight variation in case load for this category of relief, it is observed that greater expense involved is attributed to the many cases receiving medical and convalescent care. Budgets were increased in accordance with the revised State Standards, effective as of September 1st, which increased expenditures by \$433.20.

In the Aid to Dependent Children category, 3 cases representing 8 dependent children received relief. The Town Appropriation was \$1,000 and U. S. Grants amounted to \$803.33. Total expenditures were \$1,296.-70 leaving balance in U. S. Grant in the amount of \$506.63 and town balance of \$330.90. Expenditures

were \$490.90 greater than the year 1946, due to increase in number of children participating in aid.

Our Social Worker, Mrs. Bella M. Boucher, who handles all categories of relief and assistance, now resides on Pleasant Street, Dighton and may be reached by Telephone at Dighton 2731.

Assistance and courtesies extended by the State Department are gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD

JOHN BOLGER

GEORGE V. TINKHAM

ACCOUNT OF AUDIT

Mr. Francis X. Lang

Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Dighton for the period from September 8, 1946, the date of the previous examination, to November 30, 1947, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collections, were examined and checked for the period of the audit.

The books and accounts kept by the town auditor were examined and checked in detail. The general and appropriation accounts were analyzed and proved. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurers' cash book and with the treasury warrants. The appropriations as shown on the ledgers were checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings the necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 30, 1947. An examination of this balance sheet shows that the town is in very good financial condition.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed and the recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The cash balance on November 30, 1947 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The recorded payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income was proved, and all recorded transactions were verified.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the recorded redemptions were verified, and the tax titles on hand were listed and reconciled with the auditor's ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The town and district taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excises outstanding according to the previous examination were audited and all subsequent commitments were proved. The cash books were footed and the reported collections were compared with the payments to the town and district treasurers. The abatements, as recorded, were checked to the assessors'

record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The records of departmental accounts receivable were examined. The charges were analyzed, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding tax, excise, and departmental accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and the districts, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial accounts of the town clerk were examined for dog and sporting licenses issued, the reported payments to the town and the State being verified.

The surety bonds of the town officials required by law to file them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures and the library department, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town, were reconciled with the treasurer's and the auditor's books.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was extended by the various town officials, for which I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director
of Accounts.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1947

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
G. Russell Horton, Chairman North Dighton	1948
Mrs. Jessie Christenson, Secretary Dighton	1950
Leland F. Bullard, Financial Secretary Segreganset	1948
Harold O. Woodward Segreganset	1949
Gene Perry Dighton	1949
Charles Swartz North Dighton	1950

Superintendent

John J. Rolfe, B.Ed., M. Ed.

Residence: 117 School Street, North Dighton

Office: Dighton High School, Segreganset

Telephone: Dighton 3361 (Office)

Taunton 2435 (Home)

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Secretary

Marjorie A. Travis

School Physician

C. M. Souza, M.D.

School Nurse

Esther Bowden, R.N.

Attendance Supervisor

Howell S. Carr

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary Schools

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary schools the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WEAN at 7:05 A.M. and at 8:20 A.M. and over Radio Station WBZ at 7:05 A.M., 7:30 A.M., and at 8:30 A.M. In addition in North Dighton the street lights will be turned on from 7:45 to 8 A.M. In South Dighton three blasts on the Anchor Color and Gum Works whistle will be sounded at 7:45 A.M.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at Dighton High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the

event of closing the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary schools.

Transportation

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

Herewith is submitted my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Dighton. The increase in the cost of printing makes it necessary to limit this report to the most pertinent information regarding our schools. Further details will be gladly furnished by the school office to any who might be interested.

Transportation

From time to time requests are received for the furnishing of transportation to children who live less than a mile from our established bus lines. Because our buses are already operating on a full schedule, the granting of these requests would necessitate paying for one or more additional buses, thereby adding considerably to our transportation expense. Most of the requests come from parents who live on roads that are not suitable for bus travel.

Three bids for transportation of school children for the three year period beginning in September, 1948 were received by the School Committee in December. The contract was awarded to Mr. Carl Gorden at a bid of \$7,920 per year, an amount seventy dollars per year higher than the lowest bidder. Three new buses will be provided when school commences in September.

Educational Costs

The net operating cost of Dighton Schools has increased from \$50,031.78 in 1940 to \$75,284.51 in 1947 or 50.47%. Advances in salaries account for the bulk of the budget increases. Although the cost of all services, equipment, supplies, books, fuel, repairs, etc. have advanced it is interesting to note that most changes occur in items that are largely beyond our control. For some items we are allowing no more in our budget than was spent seven years ago even though costs have risen appreciably.

The average salary paid in Dighton to classroom teachers is less than the median paid in towns under 5,000 population with high schools. This situation results in a larger than normal turnover and the townspeople must expect it as long as we employ efficient teachers. If we wish a relatively small change in teacher personnel we must do one of two things; raise salaries or hire teachers other communities don't want. If the town cannot pay salaries in competition with many other communities it will be much better to employ good teachers with the expectation of losing them after two or three years than to load up our system with incompetents. Fortunately other factors than salary help us keep many of our better instructors here. Just as long as we can keep teacher employment strictly on an impartial, unemotional, efficiency, non-political basis, we shall be

able to give to the boys and girls of Dighton the good school experiences that they deserve.

Although there is general agreement that State Aid for education is necessary to supplement the local real estate tax, no relief was provided by the 1947 Legislature except for an increase in the transportation aid. This year Dighton received from the State \$3,660.70 for transportation reimbursement whereas heretofore it has received nothing. We estimate that for 1948 our grant will be approximately \$5,200. Several plans for State Aid will again be presented at this session of the Legislature whereby a town such as Dighton will be aided appreciably.

School Plant

At its regular May meeting the Dighton School Committee voted to ask the Selectmen to appoint a committee to investigate a possible site or sites for the Town's elementary school building needs. This Committee which was made up of John Bolger, Charles Swartz, John Rolfe, Harold Woodward, James Callaghan, Roy Horton, and Albert DeMello, viewed a number of sites and recommended that 11 acres of the Whitmarsh property on the corner of Milk and Main Sts. be purchased. In the selection of a site the Committee had to consider such factors as size of lot, drainage, location, and the grading and water problems. A more centrally located site would have been more ideal but none that met the Committee's specifications was available. At a special Town Meeting held in November the Town voted to purchase the Whitmarsh property for the sum of \$3,300 and a committee was chosen by the moderator to select an architect and to make plans for a new elementary building.

As was pointed out in this report last year, no plan could be devised that would meet with the approval of

all groups. We are all familiar with the many serious shortcomings present in our South School and we realize the hopelessness of making it liveable and safe. The sooner that the people who are interested in boys and girls decide that the situation is tragic the sooner we shall have definite action. The building committee is meeting regularly in an endeavor to be able to present plans and costs at our March Town Meeting. This will be the opportunity for the townspeople to show whether or not they are interested in the welfare of those boys and girls who have to experience school conditions that should be tolerated no longer.

Repairs

In addition to many miscellaneous repairs that have been made by our janitors many other improvements have been undertaken. In the North Elementary School windows were cut in each classroom whereby adequate natural lighting could be provided. This improvement was one of the most important that has been made in many years. The painting of the exterior of the building and the continuation of interior redecoration added greatly to its appearance. The condition of the water pipes necessitated 100% replacement. New ceilings in each room should be provided as soon as our budget will permit in order to improve lighting and so that the present excessive heat loss condition may be eliminated.

The only major repair necessary at the North Primary School is the painting of the exterior of the building. This project will be undertaken under our 1948 budget.

At the high school the janitors re-sealed and waxed all floors, washed all walls and woodwork, and painted those areas where conditions warranted it. The gutters

along the retaining wall of the athletic field were repaired and resurfaced by Mr. Milton Sherman. Certain areas on the exterior of the building where water seepage was noted were waterproofed. This latter condition has caused considerable trouble but we hope to be able to correct the situation from time to time without a major expenditure of money.

Improvements at the South School were limited to general painting, cleaning, and repairing by the janitor. No major projects were undertaken. However, if the Town should fail to realize the need for a new school, a large special appropriation will be necessary to provide adequate lights, fire escapes, painting of exterior and interior, replacement of floors, and improvement of playground.

New Equipment

A much needed intercommunication system and a new scrubbing and polishing machine have been purchased for the high school. Another wood lathe was procured for the vocational shop. Maps and globes were purchased for all schools. Through War Assets we procured a used sound projector for the elementary schools although the school department must make an expenditure for repairs. Our program of desk replacement was halted because of a shortage of this type of equipment.

Music

Much could be written concerning the rapid strides made by our music department. The enthusiastic reaction of the townspeople is good evidence that the extension of our music program is justified. Our school glee clubs, band, and orchestra had many opportunities to appear in public during the past year and were enthusiastically received everywhere. The school band of fifty

pieces, the large girls' glee club, and the forty voice boys' glee club help to develop school spirit and community cooperation in addition to providing the students with many desirable experiences, skills, and opportunities.

Free instrumental instruction is available for any boy or girl above the fourth grade. A limited number of instruments are available for those pupils who cannot furnish their own. Although special attention is given to our various musical organizations the regular music work of the classroom is not neglected. Under the direction of Mr. Harris the teachers continue to emphasize special training for those having singing disabilities and special emphasis is given to training in fundamentals, music appreciation, and all of the other phases of music work.

High School Bleachers

The graduating class of 1947 donated \$150 toward a fund for bleachers for the athletic field. On July 8 the School Committee approved plans for the erection of a section of bleachers to be provided by funds to be raised by popular subscription or in some manner other than from the tax levy. This section was completed in September by the Mandigo Construction Company. In November a group of interested citizens organized a drive for funds by popular subscription. From individuals, business, and outside donators more than \$3,600 was realized. This sum includes approximately \$250 that was transferred from the Salvage Account by the Dighton Salvage Committee. These monies in addition to other sums yet to be realized will make it possible to provide adequate seating for all spectators at our football games. The townspeople are to be congratulated for their splendid response to this very worthwhile project.

Dental Clinic

At the 1947 Town Meeting the sum of \$1,200 was voted by the Town to be used for the dental clinic that was first started in December of 1946. Mrs. Bowden made arrangements with Dr. Lynwood Murray of Taunton to take care of the dental work of Dighton pupils on an hourly charge basis to be paid from the above mentioned appropriation. All income from the \$1.00 per operation charge to children is turned over to the Town Treasurer. The success of this project is evidenced by the large number of pupils participating and by the great improvement in the condition of the teeth of the children. The net cost to the Town for the past year was approximately \$500. Taking care of the dental needs of the children in the office of a dentist is far superior to the former method of having the work done in the various schools with inadequate equipment. We hope that this very necessary work may be continued.

Conclusion

During the past year improvement in our schools and in the cooperation and interest of our townspeople have been most gratifying. On the whole the morale in our schools and in the town seems to be on the upgrade. Let us continue to show the interest and support so necessary for harmony and progress in our community.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the townspeople, the town officials, and the School Committee, for the many evidences of their interest in the best welfare of the children of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. ROLFE

Superintendent of Schools.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1947**Receipts**

Appropriation	\$108,242.40
Dog Tax	582.39
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Total	\$108,824.79

Expenditures

General Control	\$4,906.49
Transportation	6,425.70
Teachers' Salaries	69,938.70
Books	1,204.43
Supplies	1,652.85
Janitors' Salaries	8,307.00
Fuel	3,290.41
Electricity	1,549.96
Gas	93.09
Janitors' Supplies	409.64
Miscellaneous	512.65
Boiler Repairs	998.44
Repairs	3,100.84
Health	1,970.60
New Equipment	1,420.22
Library	129.29
Staff Expenses	37.36
Tuition	13.20
Vocational Education:	
General Shop—Day	1,379.39
Practical Arts—Evening	298.00
Household Arts—Day	195.64
Dental Fund	985.00
Balance	5.89
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	\$108,824.79

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1947		\$108,818.90
Receipts, 1947:		
Reimbursements, Teachers' Salaries (Part I, Chap. 70)	\$4,641.45	
Reimbursement, Superintendent's Salary and Travel	1,189.24	
Reimbursement, Vocational Ed.	3,366.70	
Tuition:		
Berkley	6,729.56	
Freetown	5,039.82	
Rehoboth	7,890.43	
Miscellaneous Tuition	240.54	
Miscellaneous Receipts	286.95	
Transportation	3,660.70	
Dental Clinic Income	489.00	
Total Receipts, 1947		33,534.39
Net Cost to Town		\$75,284.51

Report of the School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

I submit the following report as School Nurse for the year 1947.

The annual physical examinations were given to all pupils, with no serious defects found. Notices were sent to parents in cases where correction was found necessary.

The high school seniors had chest X-rays as part of their physical examinations, and all new teachers and school personnel were X-rayed. All reports were negative.

All other examinations were carried on as usual.

The Dental Clinic which was started in December, 1946 has proved very successful. From December, 1946 to June, 1947, only pupils in the first 4 grades attended clinic. At the opening of school in September, the children of the first eight grades were examined. Notices were sent to their parents of the work to be done, and the approximate cost. Since September, ninety pupils have attended clinic and 38 pupils have had all necessary work completed. Of the 388 pupils examined, 122 had no defects and several had only one cavity or a cleaning to be done. This certainly shows a big improvement over previous years. More pupils are realizing the value of regular check-ups at their own dentists, as well as the pupils taking advantage of the school clinic. Since the

beginning of the clinic, 148 pupils have attended. It is our aim at the clinic to teach the children the proper care of teeth and to go to a dentist for check-up as frequently as necessary. Permanent records of work done and material used are kept and each pupil is given a copy of his record. It is my hope that we can continue this good work.

I wish to thank the teachers for their cooperation and all who have helped with the health program.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R.N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Calendar Year 1948

Dighton High School

School opens	January 5, 1948
closes	February 20, 1948
School opens	March 1, 1948
closes	April 16, 1948
School opens	April 26, 1948
closes	June 18, 1948
School opens	September 8, 1948
closes	December 24, 1948

Elementary Schools

School opens	January 5, 1948
closes	February 20, 1948
School opens	March 1, 1948
closes	April 16, 1948

School opens	April 26, 1948
closes	June 11, 1948
School opens	September 8, 1948
closes	December 17, 1948

Schools will close on the following days:

March 26—Good Friday
May 31—Memorial Day
October 12—Columbus Day
October 29—Teachers' Convention
November 11—Armistice Day
November 25 and 26—Thanksgiving recess

Report of the Principal of the Dighton High School

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Principal of Dighton High School.

No yearly report of a high school should be considered complete without the expression of the philosophy and policy controlling the administration throughout that period. I quote from my last annual report: "There must be an adequate program of studies offered, and also a program of school activities, as a result of which, the total life of the student is sufficiently enriched to give a more balanced background and preparation for advanced education and 'citizenship' with its complexities of requirements during this post war period. The total program at Dighton High School has been gradually established

and is still being established with the objective of permitting greater numbers of students to achieve successfully and participate in an active capacity." The above quotation represents just as adequately the bases of policies during this past year.

Further consideration was given to the Program of Studies and the various limitations which were apparent. As the schedule had been previously established in one English class or United States history class, for instance, there were students representing all five curriculums (College, Commercial, General, Vocational and Household Arts). To a certain extent the objectives are different in that the College Preparatory students have more exacting requirements from the standpoint of preparation for admission to college, whereas students in other curriculums, Vocational for example, need more general preparation and perhaps more suitable experiences in reading, directing them toward appropriate use of leisure time. Another illustration of the problems resulting from such grouping of students is perhaps more apparent with chemistry, as previously scheduled, wherein College Preparatory, General and Vocational students were in the one class existing each year. With the forty-five minutes available in each class period, it was very difficult for the teacher to make allowances for the various objectives desired from the instruction.

Therefore, the schedule of classes was revised considerably with the result that in all English and United States history classes those students in certain curriculums were grouped together in individual divisions. Chemistry and physics are now taught in alternate years with the result that during this current school year there are two divisions of chemistry, one being college chemistry and the other general chemistry.

The Household Arts Curriculum was revised beginning last September in accordance with the recommendation of the State Department with the result that the major courses required in this curriculum are taken during the first two years. The junior and senior years now call for English, United States history, consumer education, problems of democracy, homemaking, and two electives from the following: general science, geography, and business mathematics.

The Commercial Curriculum has been revised to the extent that the first two years require basic courses in English, citizenship and occupations, general business training, bookkeeping I, business mathematics, geography, and biology or general science. Typing is now taken each of the last two years every day instead of two or three times each week over a three year period. Stenography is no longer required of all commercial graduates in view of the office requirements of today which are varied and in many cases do not demand a knowledge of shorthand. However, those students having higher grades in English and superior scholastic averages during their first two years will be advised to take stenography during their last two years.

The English teachers have completed a tentative English Course of Studies covering all four years with particular reference to a revision of the supplementary reading requirements, speech training and vocabulary development. Public speaking has been incorporated into every English class and culminated in a Prize Speaking Contest on May 27, 1947 with all eleven speakers being chosen as finalists through the results of oral presentations in the various English classes. It was gratifying to present the winner with an award given by the Dighton High School Boosters Club.

Since September the physical education program has been in the process of revision and expansion in order to present a more completely balanced program of activity and exercises. Posture in particular has been concentrated on with a beginning in individual instructions. Dancing classes under the supervision of the physical education teachers have been inaugurated as a part of the program for the purpose of developing greater coordination and also as a medium of preparation for leisure time. Health classes have been held at intervals with the idea that the well balanced physical education program must include the theory and knowledge concerning the maintenance of good health.

For the second consecutive year a testing program was administered under the auspices of the Boston University School of Public Relations. All eighth grade students of Berkley, Dighton and Freetown were given a battery of tests covering mental maturity, reading comprehension, English fundamentals, mathematical reasoning, mathematical fundamentals and mechanical comprehension. All juniors in the high school who desired to pay the small sum of eighty cents were given a vocational battery of tests covering fields of interest, types of interest, mental maturity, problem solving ability, reading comprehension, space relations ability and habits of speed and accuracy.

First of all the results of such tests are invaluable in administration due to the fact that many thousands of students in New England had taken the same tests. Careful examination of the results in Dighton in comparison to results by other students and schools has enabled analysis of our instruction thereby permitting correction and improvement where necessary.

The vocational guidance tests taken by the members of the junior class were valuable in offering guidance concerning the selection of appropriate subjects, the choices of colleges and the choices of future vocations. Wherever it was advisable, individual conferences were held with the students who had taken the vocational battery.

Last spring there was begun a consideration of the present report card and the possibility of a need for revision. Our card which has been in use for some years has provided only for a scholastic mark. It was realized that every demand for a recommendation or transcript by a college, commercial school, or hospital called for a great deal of personal information beyond the transmission of a scholastic mark or average. It seemed that parents should have available all possible personal information concerning their boy or girl in order to be more adequately informed concerning progress through high school. As a result, through the cooperation of the State Department of Education, many types of report cards were examined. A faculty committee was organized to consider our needs for a report card. As a result of viewpoints and suggestions, a tentative card was formulated and considered in October.

Revisions were made and finally a report was established. It was decided to have a scholarship report and also a personal qualities report. The scholarship report four times a year will contain the grade of the student and his effort as reflected in each class. The personal qualities report will be given to the parents twice each year and will indicate the following: initiative, cooperation, industry, leadership, reliability, health, disposition, personal appearance and total citizenship. They will represent the combined judgment of all members of the faculty who have had sufficient association with the pupil

in classes, activities, study halls, athletics, school functions, etc., to warrant the expression of such opinions.

The above described report card is now being printed by a trade school at comparatively little cost. The plan is to use the tentative card for a year thereby allowing further revisions if necessary and then submit to the School Committee for approval before final printing.

The activities of the school have been continued as previously established and in several cases expanded. There have been groups and clubs meeting on an average of once a week. A change has been made in the publishing of the school paper, "The Beacon," by integrating it with the English classes themselves and having most materials derived from actual assignments carried on by the students thereby creating additional motivation. All work involved in the printing of the paper is performed in the Commercial Department. A typing group has been formed from the college preparatory students of the junior and senior classes with the purpose of teaching the fundamentals of typewriting and thereby providing those non-commercial students with sufficient basic knowledge of typing to be of value in future college work.

The School Band initiated a year ago has increased in membership to approximately fifty boys and girls. Improvement throughout the year has been phenomenal and there have been many occasions on which the band has played, including all football games this past fall, the Football Banquet, assemblies at Dartmouth High School and Bristol County Agricultural School, our own assemblies and an exceptional appearance for a half hour program on the Brockton radio station.

The Boys' Glee Club participated with the band in the radio program and the assemblies at the previously mentioned schools.

In athletics it should be noted that the girls' basketball team won the championship of the Narragansett League during the past season; the boys' basketball team was runner-up in the Principals' Tournament held in New Bedford. The football team again completed a very successful season by finishing second in the Narragansett League.

At the conclusion of the football season the boys of the football squad were greatly honored by a banquet held at the Mount Hope Finishing Company cafeteria. All members of the band and the cheerleaders were present as guests in recognition of their activities during the fall.

Since September a Bank Savings Program has been initiated and already approximately two hundred students have voluntarily participated. For several years in the face of greatly increased costs and larger senior classes, it has become more obvious that the raising of all funds necessary for the Washington Trip were no longer justifiable as class projects exclusively. It should be pointed out, for instance, that in an average class of sixty students, less than half as a rule, participate equally in the carrying out of the numerous money raising projects. It is obviously unfair that many students derive the benefit of the trip without having earned it in the same manner as other members of the class.

Therefore, when the Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts asked that all schools establish Savings Programs to foster desirable habits on the part of students

it seemed very appropriate to establish such a program with the specific objective of all students saving for the expense of the annual Washington Trip. As a result it will be the policy in the future that the responsibility for providing funds for the trip shall rest with each student, although class funds as raised through nominal activity will still be used to reduce that individual expense.

The Audio-Visual Aids program continues with films and film strips being used to supplement and motivate instruction. The high school subscribes to the Boston University Film Library and is able to utilize many films directly correlated with class material. Many diversified film strips are owned by the school and, as a result, are available for use at the most appropriate time in various subjects such as biology, chemistry, citizenship and occupations, social studies, mechanical drawing, etc.

Enrollment figures indicating the distribution of pupils by towns and curricula statistics on October 1, 1947 follow:

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Class	Dighton	Berkley	Freetown	Rehoboth	Totals
Freshman	48	11	13	2	74
Sophomore	40	17	8	25	*91
Junior	24	9	11	22	66
Senior	29	11	5	14	59
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Totals	141	48	37	63	*290

*One sophomore from Taunton

CURRICULA STATISTICS

Class	College	Commercial	General	Vocational	Household Arts	Totals
Freshman	16	22	7	15	14	74
Sophomore	23	33	12	21	1	91
Junior	23	17	10	13	2	65
Senior	15	18	16	6	5	60
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Totals	77	90	45	55	22	290

The attitudes and the fine spirit revealed by the students at Dighton High School throughout the entire year and the excellent cooperation of the faculty have been greatly appreciated.

Your cooperation as Superintendent of Schools, also that of the School Committee and the entire personnel of the building, has been deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA O. WEBBER

Principal.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Dighton High School
High School Auditorium, June 12, 1947

Program

Overture—"Graduation" Herfurth

Orchestra

Processional—"Festival March" Mendelssohn
Orchestra

Invocation—

Rev. Wayne Philbrook
Congregational Church, Berkley

Welcome—

Harry Baxter-Green
President of Class

Selection—"Dear Land of Home" Sibelius
from the Tone Poem "Finlandia"

Senior Class

Salutatory—A Forward Look

Elizabeth Sellars

Valedictory—United States and Tomorrow
Dorothy Bleau

Piano Solo—"Fantasie Impromptu" Chopin
Lillian Hathaway

Address—

William S. Lynch
Superintendent of Schools
Fall River, Mass.

Presentation of Awards—

Dana O. Webber, Principal

Rensselaer Polytechnic Medal

Washington-Franklin History Award

D.A.R. History Medal

D.A.R. Good Citizen Award

D.A.R. Homemaking Award

American Agriculturist Foundation Achievement
Award

Student Council Awards

The Boosters Club Award

Soprano Solo—"The Lord's Prayer"
Phyllis Morse

Malotte

Presentation of Diplomas—

G. Russell Horton

Chairman of Dighton School Committee

Selection—"This is My County"
Senior Class

Jacobs

Benediction—

Rev. John Shay

St. Joseph's Church, North Dighton

Recessional—"Victory March"

Herfurth

Orchestra

Frederick A. Harris, Jr., Director of Music

Lillian Hathaway, Accompanist

CLASS OF 1947

Dorothy L. Abbott	Seth Barlow Kinney, Jr.
Helen J. Adams	Rene O. Letourneau
*Susan A. Atterbury	Barbara M. Lincoln
Barbara Edith Babbitt	Deolinda Rita Lopes
Harry Baxter-Green, Jr.	Jeane L. Martin
Lois P. Berghahn	George McCracken, Jr.
James A. Bindon	Donald Miller
Patricia L. Blanchette	Doris G. Miller
Dorothy Teresa Bleau	Karl R. Miller
Diane S. Bozian	*Henry J. Miller, Jr.
*Kenneth H. Combs	Phyllis Lucille Morse
Laura K. Constantine	Barbara R. Osterman
Antonia Mary Costa	Fred N. Perry
Raymond E. Costa	Doris L. Raymond
Theresa Marie Dupont	Alexander Reed
Audrey Elaine Enos	*William H. Reed
Laura Fernandes	Lillian J. Rose
Irene Carolyn Francis	Elizabeth Ann Sellars
Vernon B. Goff	Robert William Shepard
Barbara Evelyn Goodhue	Milton Thomas Sherman
*Lester A. Gray	Philip Baker Smiley
*Donald F. Gurney	Frank Ralph Stafford
Phyllis Gertrude Gurney	Patricia Ann Stevens
Ernest Gutholm	Myrtle G. Tingley
Lillian Blake Hathaway	Arthur R. Torres
Janice Ruth Horton	Anita J. Turgeon
Douglas Earle Ide	Joseph Douglas Wheaton
Gladys Elizabeth Kingsland	Beverly A. Wilson
Wm. Frederick Kingsland	Margaret Louise Withers

*Ex-Servicemen

*Robert A. Makepeace

*Walter Everett Hamilton, Jr.

Class Officers

Harry Baxter-Green, Jr.	President
Vernon B .Goff	Vice President
Phyllis Gertrude Gurney	Secretary
Arthur R. Torres	Treasurer

Class Motto

"Be Thyself, Know Thyself, Accept Thyself"

Class Adviser

Miss Angelina A. Argus

GRADUATION EXERCISES
DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
June 4, 1947

Program

Processional

Invocation—Rev. John Shay

St. Joseph's Church, North Dighton

Chorus—"How Lovely Are the Messengers,"

Mendelssohn

WORKING FOR PEACE

Part I

A Discussion Group Considers Peace

Individual Voices (in order)

Alice Thomas

Sally Horsman

Julia Heroux

Matthew Sylvia

Gordon Willette

Evelyn Carpenter

Beverly Dias

Part II

The United Nations Gifts to Peace

Chorus—"Prayer Universal"

Cadman

Radio Program—

Announcer

John Gorden

Greece

Charles Gilbert

Afghanistan

Esther Sprague

Iceland

Barbara Hindle

Sweden	James Reed
Axel, Swedish Student	William O'Connell
Robert, American Student	Gerard Carvalho
Italy	Richard French, Barbara French
Norway	Joyce Horton

British Empire—

Charles Mason, Frank Silvia, George Simmons, Benjamin Paiva, Robert Gagner, William McCarthy, Althea Simonds, Dorothy Ferreira, Mary Silva, Joyce Fisher, Gladys Gilbert

Canada	Louis Perry
Russia	Shirley Bennett
France	Cynthia Gay

Part III

America's Part in the Peace
The Discussion Group Continues
Individual Voices (in order)

Eleanor Medeiros	Marjorie Rose
George Dutra	Violet Spratt
Muriel McNeil	Anthony Rose
Stephen Costa	

Chorus—"To Thee O Country" Eichberg

Presentation of Diplomas—

Mr. Charles Swartz
Member, Dighton School Committee

Chorus—"Class Song" Bliss

Benediction Rev. John Shay
Recessional

Frederick A. Harris, Jr., Director of Music

GRADUATES

Shirley Elaine Bennett	William Keith McCarthy
Evelyn Carpenter	Muriel Elizabeth McNeil
Gerard Francis Carvalho	Eleanor Rose Medeiros
John Costa	William Michael O'Connell
Phyllis Norma Costa	Benjamin Rezendes Paiva
Stephen Louis Costa	Louis Edward Perry
Cassius Atwood Cummings	Manuel George Perry
Beverly Jane Dias	Eugenia Phillips
George Anthony Dutra	James Moses Reed
Dorothy Frances Ferreira	Evangeline Rego
Joyce Anne Fisher	Josephine Shirley Rego
Barbara Ann French	Anthony George Rose
Richard Edward French	Marjorie Ann Rose
Robert Edgar Gagner	Emily Sanson
Cynthia Ruth Gay	Mary Elizabeth Silva
Chas. Marsden Gilbert, Jr.	Frank Perry Silvia, Jr.
Gladys Louise Gilbert	George Edward Simmons, Jr.
John Adrian Gorden	Althea May Simonds
Julia Joan Heroux	Charles Marshall Souza, Jr.
Barbara Ann Hindle	Esther Lillian Sprague
June Ellen Hixon	Violet May Spratt
Sally Ann Horsman	Lorrayne Joan Sylvia
Elaine Emeline Horton	Matthew Duart Sylvia
Joyce Horton	Alice Evelyn Tavers
Charles Henry Mason, Jr.	Alice Emma Thomas
Flora Clara Mattos	Shirley Jane Travis
Gordon Louis Willette	

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1947

DIGHTON SCHOOLS

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Rose M. Moriarty
Mary V. O'Neil
Muriel L. Rowell
Joseph F. Comerford
Helen H. Lane, Prin.

27	27
23	23
25	25
18	18
22	22
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	193

Total Elementary Schools

395

Dighton High School

74 91 65 60

290

Total Enrollment in Dighton Schools

685

AGE—GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1947

Grade	Age														Totals
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1															50
2	8	39	3												53
3		10	37	6											41
4			5	23	9	4									55
5				5	42	7	1								55
6					10	34	10	1							47
7						9	21	15	2						45
8							8	20	13	3	1				49
9								6	30	12		1			*74
10									8	40	21	4	1		*91
11										14	62	13	2		*65
12										1	13	40	11		*60
												14	35	8	3
															—
	8	49	45	34	61	54	40	42	53	70	97	72	49	8	3
															685

*Includes tuition students

ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOLS**(October 1, 1947)**

Dighton High School	290	
South Elementary School	193	
North Elementary School	108	
North Primary School	94	
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Total		685

Tuition Pupils—Dighton High School:

Berkley (regular)	34	
Berkley (vocational)	14	
Freetown (regular)	20	
Freetown (vocational)	17	
Rehoboth (regular)	56	
Rehoboth (vocational)	7	
Taunton (High School)	1	
Taunton (Elementary)	1	
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Net Total Enrollment—Dighton pupils		535

DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY—DECEMBER 31, 1947

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Principal			
Dana O. Webber, M. Ed.	1679 Somerset Avenue, Taunton	Boston University	1945
Vice Principal			
Edward H. Gillespie, M. Ed.	Somerset Avenue, Segreganset	Tufts College, Boston Univ.	1947
Faculty			
Jean P. Cleary, A.B.	71 Arlington St., Taunton	Regis College	1946
Charles F. Day	Elm Street, Dighton	Fitchburg Teachers' College	1943
Leo P. DeMarco, B.S.	28 First St., Taunton	Fordham	1946
Lawrence F. Folloni, B.S. in Ed.	61 Wall St., Bridgewater	Boston University	1947
Yolande B. Laliberte, M. Ed.	557 Middle St., Fall River	Boston University	1941
Ann Lanoue, B.A.	645 Rodman St., Fall River	Providence College	1946
Olivio A. Lopes, B.S. in Ed.	North St., Mattapoisett	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947
Warren J. Loring, B.S. in Ed.	1062 Main St., Hingham	Boston University	1947
Marion P. Moore, B.S.	2 Preston St., Worcester	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947
Charles C. O'Connell	1679 Somerset Ave., Taunton	Taunton High School	1944
Barbara M. Sample, B.S. in Ed.	15 Fairmount St., New Bedford	Framingham Teachers' College	1947
Eleanor S. Smith, B.S. in Ed.	289 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton	Suffolk University	1924

NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Principal			
Hope W. Hamilton, B.S. in Ed.	Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1928
Faculty			
Helen M. Simmons	526 Pleasant St., Somerset	Thibodeau's Business College	1946
Helen C. Turner	150 Summerfield St., Fall River	Framingham Teachers' College	1947
Vernon West, B.S. in Ed.	27 Crane Avenue, Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947

NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal			
Rose E. Borges	Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1927
Faculty			
Lena W. Cowell	139 Jackson Street, Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947
Marie E. Jones, B.S. in Ed.	404 Cohannet St., Taunton	Lowell Teachers' College	1945
Margaret K. Tummon	4 Cleveland Road, Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal			
Helen H. Lane, B.S. in Ed.	Centre Street, Segreganset	Fitchburg Teachers' College	1910

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Faculty			
Joseph F. Comerford, B.S.	10 Reed St., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1946
Olive W. Crawford	411 Prospect St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947
Lucy A. Fraticelli, B.S. in Ed.	8 Noble Place, Leominster	Fitchburg Teachers' College	1947
Margaret F. Harrington	233 Whipple St., Fall River	Framingham Normal School	1946
Rose M. Moriarty	120 Scadding St., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1946
Mary V. O'Neil	77 Delcar St., Fall River	Fitchburg Normal School	1946
Muriel L. Rowell, B. Sc.	1039 Plymouth Ave., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1947

Music Supervisor (Elementary and High)

Frederick A. Harris, Jr., B. Mus.	66 Mt. Hope St., No. Dighton	Boston University	1946
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JANITORS

Name	Home Address	School	App'd
Howell S. Carr	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton High School	1942
Louis H. Carr	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton High School	1947
John Gray	40 Tremont St., No. Dighton	South Elementary School	1947
John Ingham	110 School St., No. Dighton	North Schools	1946

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Teacher	Position	Date of Resignation	Reason
Leola Ames	Social Studies, High School	June, 1947	Montana
Angelina Argus	Physical Education, High School	June, 1947	Marriage
Doris Bartone	English, High School	Feb., 1947	Illness
June Crowley	Grade 2, South School	June, 1947	Littleton
Angelo DeAngelus	Science, High School	Feb., 1947	Weston
Mary DeMello	Grade 1, North Primary	Mar., 1947	At Home
Elizabeth Donahue	Grade 6, North Elementary	June, 1947	Easton
Louise Mullen	Household Arts, High School	June, 1947	Fall River
Elizabeth MacPartlin	Grade 4, North Primary	June, 1947	Winchester
Miriam Peltonen	Grade 6, South Elementary	Mar., 1947	Illness
Leonard W. Terry	Physical Education, High School	June, 1947	Fall River



